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BRIAN TALBOT: 'My marathon season'

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It's a question many fans must have been asking as they nibbled their nails through the televised European Championships watching our flagging fortunes perish in the Italian heat.

Players, too, are quick to spot a possible connection. Many of those MATCH WEEKLY spoke to — some whom are included in our 'Stars Verdict' feature in this issue — noticed a lack of bounce in the stride of Ron Greenwood's squad.

Leeds centre half Paul Hart, for instance commented:

"If England had been fresh they would have reached the final."

Aston Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer wasn't so confident but conceded: "Garry Birtles looked weary from the start of the Italian game. He has had to



Garry Birtles in action against Italy — after a long season with Forest no wonder he looked weary.

play about 60 games for Forest and do a hell of a lot of running.

"No wonder the Germans could raise their game. They have a mid-season break and play no mid-week games. Is it any wonder Schuster looked so strong?"

More of the players' views of England's performance in our feature 'What went wrong in Italy?'. And on the subject of our marathon season, we

talked this week to Brian Talbot, the man who played more club matches than any other last season.

The Arsenal and former Ipswich midfielder, played in all of Arsenal's SEVENTY games, plus an England international in Australia, but admits he loves the game so much it doesn't affect him.

Sadly though, the punishing season certainly affected

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England in Italy — and it showed.

It doesn't matter how many talented players we have in the squad now or how many are now coming through. Unless the demands on their young legs are drastically reduced, or at least the 1981-82 season before the World Cup finals in Spain re-shaped, England's chances in Spain will melt like ice cream on the Costa Brava!

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'I'd die for Big Mal'

Manchester City's
Mike Robinson talks
to Match Weekly
about his future

EXPENSIVE Manchester City striker Mike Robinson, who took so much stick from his manager last season, declares: "I'd run through a brick wall for Malcolm Allison.

"I'd die for the guy. I've got all the respect in the world for him — for his views on the game and his attempts to revolutionise it," Mike told Match Weekly.

And it's that respect which makes the strapping City man content to stay at Maine Road — despite all the speculation that he'll soon be packing his bags.

Brighton have had a £400,000 bid turned down. And Allison was reportedly prepared to use Robinson as part of a deal to lure England full-back Kenny Sansom north from Crystal Palace.

"I only know what I've read in the papers," Robinson added.

"The talk is unsettling but at the moment I'm a Manchester City player and I'm prepared to start the season at Maine Road.

"I'm delighted the way things went last term. I'm a 50 per cent better player for that — it was a great education for me.

"I'm glad I had that season in

my first year — rather than starting off with a lot of goals and then having a poor time later on.

"The fee did affect me. If I'd beat five men and scored from 35 yards they'd have said: 'that's what he should do for all that money'.

"But I've got a thicker skin now and won't be so sensitive to criticism."

Robinson says he's been reassured about his Maine Road future by Allison "as well as any manager can reassure you."

"The lads are really looking forward to the start. We owe a few hidings to a few teams and last year will have done us all good.

"I'm fighting fit — I'm so quick now I can catch pigeons! I've worked hard during the summer so I'm sharp for the off and I'm now weighing in at 13st 4lb — a stone lighter than last season."

RIGHT: Mike Robinson — despite all the transfer talk he's happy to stay with Malcolm Allison and Manchester City and looks forward to the new season.

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But the best is yet to come

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GET your shirt on West Germany for the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain. It'll take one heck of a team to beat them!

The classy Germans lifted the European Championship in Italy in a manner that proved they are without doubt the best in Europe. And with six of the eleven players who started the final against Belgium still 24 or under, we have yet to see the best of a team that plays with an authority and style beyond its years.

Klaus Allofs, the top scorer

in the competition with three goals, is still only 23. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, whose darting runs and close control, were among the high points of the championship, is 24. Hansi Muller, who prised open defences with his deadly left foot, is 22; and Hans Peter Briegel, who played with all the composure of a World Cup veteran, is still only 24.

With such enormous potential the Germans must be hot favourites for Spain. No-one seems capable of matching them . . . including the Brazilians and the Argentinians.



Above: The German players celebrate their European Championship triumph over Belgium as the final whistle blows.

Right: Horst Hrubesch, scorer of both German goals in the final, displays his power in the air against Belgium.

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The Germans acclaim their European Championship victory . . . (left to right): Rummenigge, Schumacher, Cullmann, Schuster, Briegel, Hrubesch, Stieleke, Jupp Derwall (manager), Allofs, Kaltz, Dietz (capt), Forster, Muller.



The old and the new . . . Wilfried Van Moer, the Belgian veteran midfield general who was named 'player of the tournament' by the 200 journalists covering the Championships in Italy, chases the brilliant 20-year-old German Bernd Schuster.



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Money must bide his time

LIVERPOOL'S move for Fulham defender Richard Money in the closing days of last season came as a surprise to the football world.

But it should not have been such a surprise to Money, because his destiny was always pointing him in the direction of Anfield.

He began his professional career with Scunthorpe, the homely Humberside club where Ray Clemence and Kevin Keegan learned their trade before being whisked away by Liverpool and turned into household names.

And even though Money's trail took him south when Fulham bought him for £45,000 in November 1977, the finger of fate was still pointing towards Merseyside.

Pattern

The man who bought him, Fulham boss Bobby Campbell, is Liverpool-born and a real Anfield fanatic. So it was logical that Money should eventually complete the pattern by becoming a Liverpool player, netting Fulham a handsome profit in the shape of a £350,000 fee.

"At Scunthorpe, the names of Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence were hammered at the young players," he says.

"We were always being told what they'd done so the ambition of playing for Liverpool

was planted in me then.

"And at Fulham, Bobby Campbell never stopped talking about Liverpool. He used to tell me that not only were they the greatest club in the world, but they were the only one to play for."

Money is 24 and takes into his Anfield career the experience gathered in almost 300 games for his two previous clubs.

Born in Lowestoft, the six foot defender was a regular member of the England Under-21 squad and has an England B cap from the tour of New Zealand last summer.

So he is in a different category from Ian Rush, the 18-year-old striker Liverpool signed from Chester in the same week that they bought Money.

He is not a youngster yet to make his way in the game — but he will almost certainly have to bide his time in the Liverpool reserve team nonetheless.

Even Terry McDermott, last season's double Footballer Of The Year, had to learn the Anfield routine in the reserves before winning his chance in the first team, and Money will be the same.

Talent

He joins a squad already bristling with talent, with up-and-coming men like Sammy Lee, Colin Irwin, and Avi Cohen having already served notice that they will be pushing the regulars for places in the new campaign.

Strangely, Liverpool were alerted to Money's potential only when they checked out his Fulham clubmate Tony Gale. That was a full 18 months before Bob Paisley finally moved in and in the meantime Brighton would have snatched him away had not Fulham rejected their £250,000 offer.

But Liverpool got their man in the end — just as the football fates always intended.

THE Liverpool Academy of Football welcomed two new students at the end of last term with the signings of Chester's Ian Rush and Richard Money of Fulham. The moves were surprising for a number of reasons. Liverpool looked the perfect team on so many occasions last season and already standing in the wings are the likes of Sammy Lee, Colin Irwin and Avi Cohen, good players but unable to claim a regular first-team place? So how do Rush and Money see their futures?

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Right: Richard Money — always heading for Liverpool.

two reserves?

One first team game — that's Ian's target for next season

IAN RUSH didn't do his name justice when Liverpool first attempted to win the frantic race for his signature.

For Ian was in no rush at all to link up with the League Champions. Although the talented 18-year-old had dreamed of playing in the First Division, he always thought Liverpool would be too good for him.

"I turned them down when they came for me towards the end of last season because I didn't think there would be much chance of me getting into the first team," Rush told Match Weekly.

Liverpool, not used to being told "no", persisted and invited the Chester striker to have a look around Anfield. And it was enough to convince the Welsh international that that was where his future lay.

"I knew I would learn a lot more there than anywhere else," he said.

"I've worked hard at my game and I think it will be a lot harder now I'm at Liverpool. If I have played one game for the first team by the end of next season I will have done fairly well."

First team

"I'm not a patient person and I want first-team football. But I'm only 18 and can afford to wait a couple of years and see how it goes."

While Rush was counting his cut from the £300,000 move it must have been hard not to spare a thought for his father and four brothers — all steelworkers and all out of work.

He admits that if his skills didn't lie in his feet he, too, would have gone to work for British Steel. "Being able to play football has saved me from the dole," he added.

If Rush maintains the progress he's already made in his short career, it's unlikely he'll go the same way as £300,000 St Mirren signing Frank McGarvey, who left Liverpool after one unhappy season without playing a first-team game.

Ian had a great start to his footballing life. Playing for Deeside Primary Schools he banged in 72 goals in one season

and three years later he was on Chester's books as an associated schoolboy.

International honours were quick to come his way too, playing and scoring for the Welsh Schoolboys in their win over Scotland.

"I had a look at a few clubs but settled for Chester, simply because they treated me better than anyone else," he said.

"I have a lot to thank youth team manager Cliff Sears and

boss Alan Oakes for. They both helped me a great deal."

It was Oakes who put the protective shutters up around his young star when the footballing press besieged Sealend Road. Chester were pushing for promotion from the Third Division and Oakes resisted early attempts to lure Rush away.

"At first the publicity didn't really bother me," said Ian. "But in the end it all got a bit much and I lost my way in the game. I

was glad when it was all over."

Alan Oakes wasn't glad when it was all over. The Chester boss was sad to see his young prodigy go — "but I couldn't stand in his way".

"Ian's gone to the best club in Europe and it's going to be difficult for him, but he'll become a really fine player," Oakes added.

"He's got good control, two very good feet and is a lovely passer of the ball as well as being a great goalscorer. You can't ask for anything more."



Ian Rush — he never thought he would be good enough to play for Liverpool and turned the champions down at first.

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The moment when it all went wrong for Arsenal and Brian Talbot. West Ham's Alan Devonshire speeds past him to make the cross that led to the only goal in the FA Cup Final.

That

CONTRARY to popular belief, Arsenal's Brian Talbot didn't curl up in contented exhaustion when the final, final whistle closed his marathon season.

Instead of making for an exotic beach in the sun Talbot continued working at the game on a Lilleshall coaching course that eased his disappointment at not making the England squad for the European Championships.

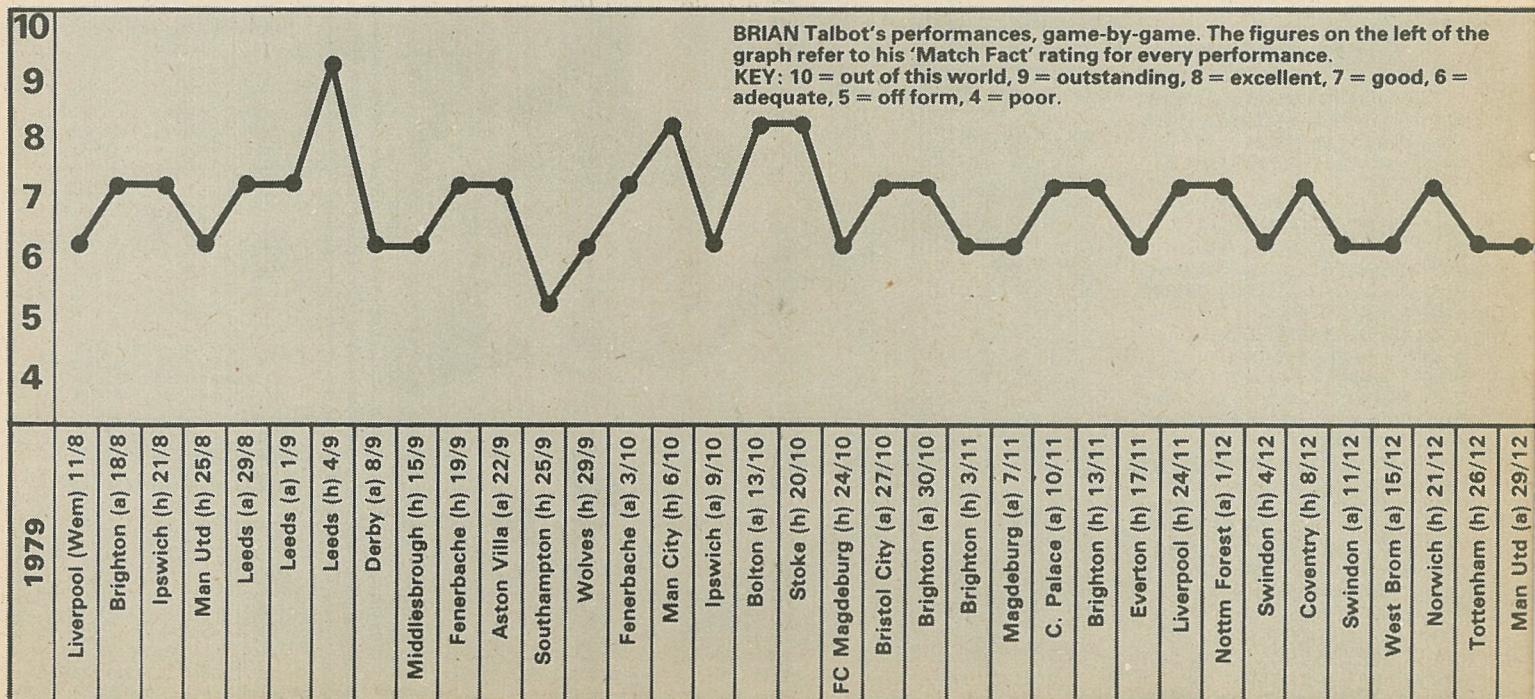
"It's true that I wanted to keep playing when Arsenal played our last game at Middlesbrough," Talbot told Match Weekly. "I wanted to get on that plane to Italy."

"I just love football and I'm happiest when I'm kicking a ball about."

Talbot certainly tested his love of the game to the full in a season when he played more games for his club than any other player in the history of the game.

Arsenal completed 70 competitive fixtures — a record in itself — and Talbot played in every one. And he was substituted in only two of those.

He even sounds surprised when you ask him how he kept



IRONMAN

's Brian Talbot

going. "Arsenal had the games to play, I'm an Arsenal player, and it was a question of just getting out there and doing my best.

"I'd much rather play 70 games a season than 44 because that means you've been knocked out in the first rounds of the FA and League Cups."

**"The more successful you are,
the more games you play, and
the more I like it."**

Terry Neill took the opportunity in the closing weeks of the season to rest the majority of his weary men. But not Talbot. Football's 'Mr Marathon' was determined to keep on running.

"It was a decision I made to keep playing. If I felt I needed a rest I would have stopped."

"I don't think the number of games affected my performance at all. To be honest you do feel jaded sometimes, but I think a lot of that is in the mind. You'd be surprised how much the body can stand."

A look at Match Weekly's fascinating chart (below) showing Talbot's form over the season bears that out.

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marks out of ten for players in
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season, it shows that his performances continued at a consistent level right until the final fixture.

And in that Middlesbrough game Talbot was still running as hard as in his season's opener — the Charity Shield against Liverpool at Wembley.

"I've always found it difficult to relax both on and off the field," Talbot added. "This shows in my game because I like to be on the go all the time."

Talbot's Arsenal season was made up by 42 League games, 11 FA Cup, 9 European Cup Winners' Cup, 7 League Cup and the Charity Shield. He also played for an England XI in Australia.

He rates the second replay of the FA Cup semi-final with Liverpool as his most demanding game.

"I slumped into the dressing room feeling physically and mentally drained. I can't ever remember feeling as tired after a game.

"We had to play again on the Thursday and at that moment the thought frightened me. But I had a couple of days rest and was rarin' to go again when Thursday came."

Twelve minutes into that third



Talbot shows typical aggression and will-to-win in the European Cup Winners' Cup final with Valencia. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to see Arsenal through.

replay Talbot headed the goal that took the Gunners to Wembley — one of the highlights of his mammoth season alongside beating Juventus in the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final.

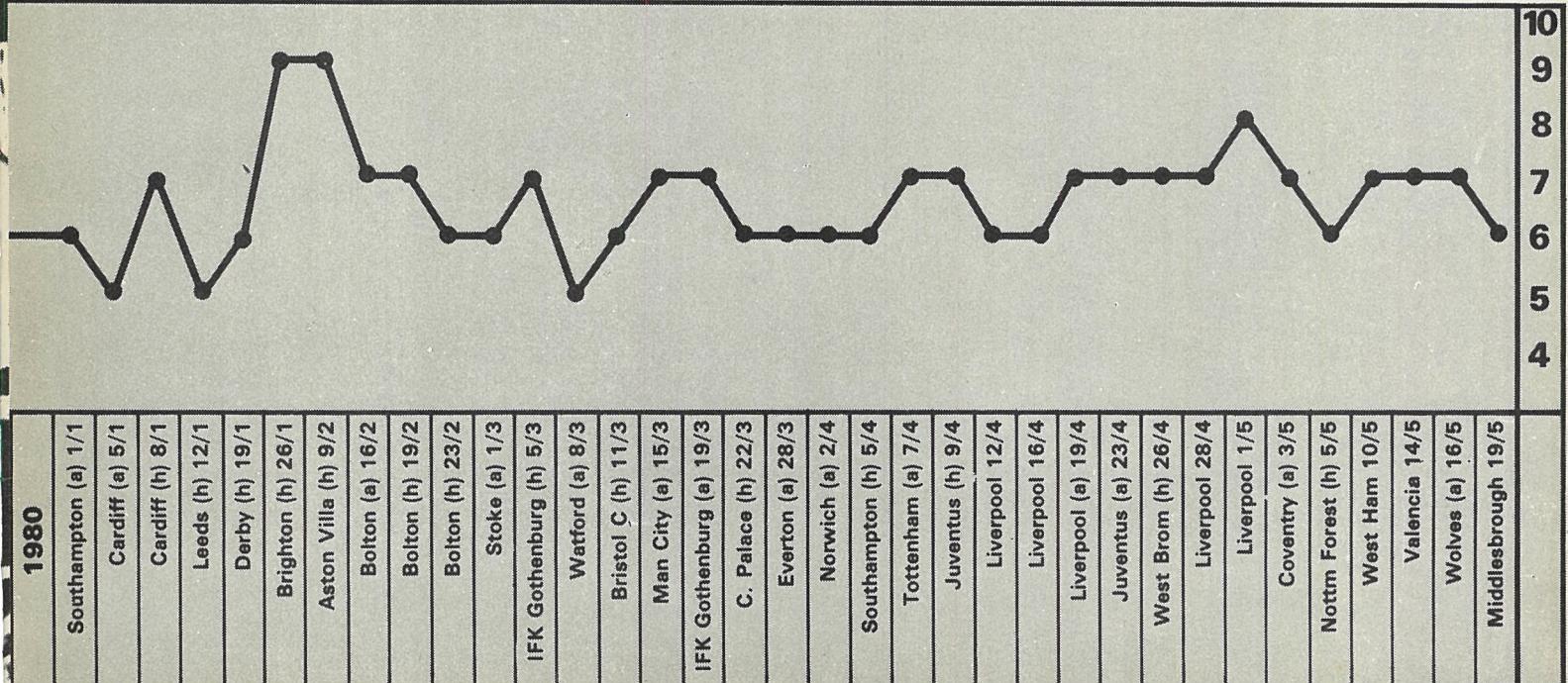
His biggest disappointment, not surprisingly, was losing out in both Cup finals. "We were poor against West Ham but you've got to give them credit — their tactics were right.

"Losing to Valencia on penalties was just one of those

things you have to accept in football."

After a "very demanding"
course for his full coaching badge
Talbot did allow himself the
luxury of a little time off before
he reports back for training for
another season.

• The only player who comes anywhere near Talbot's record of 70 club games is Wolves' Emyln Hughes. He played 41 League games, 4 FA Cup, 8 League Cup and 12 UEFA Cup games for Liverpool in 1972-73.





Easy does it . . . Ray Wilkins lobs towards goal as Walter Meeuws (4) closes in.



It's looking good and Belgian hearts are in their mouths.



Moment of truth for 'keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff and defender Michael Renquin.



'I've scored!' Wilkins celebrates and Woodcock gives pursuit as the ref points to the centre-spot.

Wilkins

Ray Wilkins (England) v Belgium, European Championship, Turin, Italy, June 12, 1980.

THOUGH England fans will not be looking back on the European Championships with any great satisfaction after the failure of Ron Greenwood's men to qualify for the final in Rome, the tournament produced at least one highlight for us to savour.

It came after just 20 minutes of the drawn opening game with Belgium in Turin, when Manchester United's classy midfielder Ray Wilkins steered home a

goal which Greenwood described as a 'real delight'.

MATCH WEEKLY asked Wilkins himself to give readers his own view of it: "Trevor Brooking made a good run on the left and put in a cross which the big Belgian, Walter Meeuws nuted out.

"As the defender came out, I chested it down and flicked it up as three orange shirts came at me.

"I saw the 'keeper coming out and thought

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about clouting it, but as the ball bounced I thought it better to keep my head and try and stick it away.

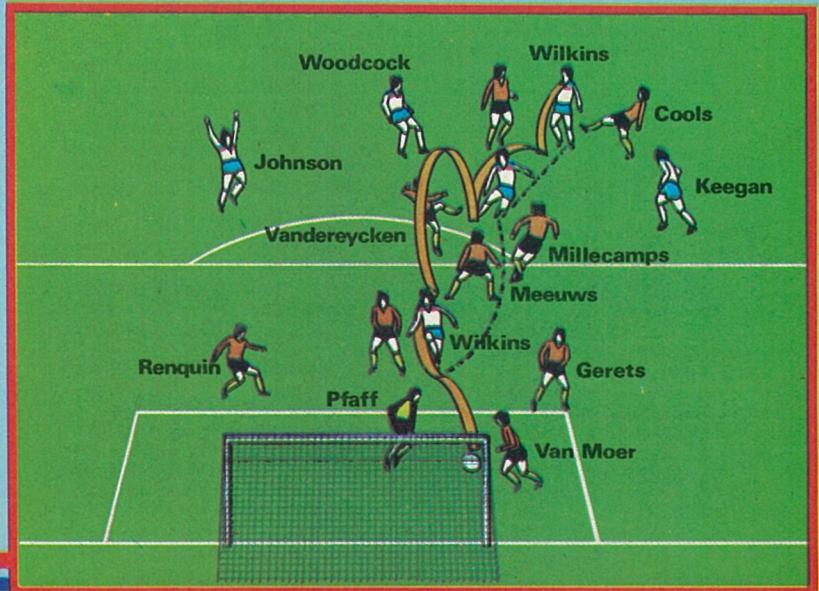
"So as I fell away I lifted the ball and pulled it into the top corner. It was only my second goal for England. You could say it was one of my best," cracked Wilkins.

"It's always nice to score goals, especially when you are passing the ball most of the time, as I am. I was pleased with my overall performance in the

match — and the goal was a real bonus."

ABOVE: Ray Wilkins pictured in action during the England v Belgium game, in which he scored that superb goal.

Next week: The goals that won the European Championship for W. Germany.



'IT WON'T BE EASY' WARNS LANGAN



David Langan — "keep calm" plea to Derby fans.

DAVID LANGAN — Birmingham City's £350,000 club record signing from Derby — has this warning for his old club's fans: "Don't expect to run away with the Second Division Championship."

"The fans at Derby reckon their team will go up by ten points next season," Langan told Match Weekly.

"Season-tickets are selling really well and people are stopping the players in the streets to talk about next season and how well they are going to do."

"But they mustn't think it's going to be easy to bounce back at the first attempt."

"It's going to be very hard in the Second Division and although Derby will be suited to places like West Ham and QPR the real test will come at the Oldham and Blackburns."

"The fans' reaction is heartening but it might be bad for the lads. It could put even more pressure on them and make them over-confident."

Langan shares the widely-held belief that another four weeks of the season would have seen Derby safe from relegation.

"Some of the football we played after Christmas was out of this world."

"There's no doubt the reason for that was the partnership up front of David Swindlehurst and Alan Biley.

"They clicked straight away

and tore defences apart. If they can keep sticking them in next season I'm confident Derby have got a great chance."

"At the start of last season we only scored one goal from seven matches — and that was in the League Cup."

"It was heartbreaking. We'd attack for 89 minutes and then our opponents would break away and score."

"Everybody at the Baseball Ground is confident — but they mustn't be over-confident."

Eire international Langan signed a new three-year contract for Derby in May, following a problem period with the club.

Unsettled by reports that other clubs were interested in him and depressed by Derby's poor form Langan had missed the coach journey for the FA Cup tie at Bristol City and was sent home when he eventually arrived by manager Colin Addison.

The storm led to Langan being transfer-listed. But although one or two clubs made noises nobody actually came in with a bid for the 23-year-old ... until Birmingham's sudden move last weekend.

"After coming off the list and feeling happy to stay at Derby my move to Birmingham has come as something of a shock," said Langan. "Colin Addison told me he didn't want to lose me but he had to let me go to raise cash. Now I'm looking forward to playing in the First Division."

Wood wants out

'I'll talk to any club', says Everton 'keeper

EVERTON goalkeeper George Wood seems certain to leave Goodison Park before the start of the season — and it's all because he wanted a shorter contract.

Manager Gordon Lee's problem highlights the difficulties created by freedom-of-contract. Instead of seeking the security of a long contract Wood wanted a two-year one so if he wanted to move he could do so earlier.

Lee offered Wood a three-year contract. But Wood told Match Weekly: "I won't be signing it."

"There were a few snags and the money wasn't good enough for three years. But the main thing was the length of the contract."

Wood, capped three times for Scotland, made 27 League and Cup appearances for Everton last season, sharing the role with Martin Hodge.

And the 27-year-old said about his future: "I'll talk to any club who are interested." Tottenham seem certain to lead the bidders.

Sports & Leisure.

Five courses are being run, each lasting two weeks. Three hours coaching are given each day by FA coaches.

For youngsters in the United Kingdom the course costs £96 which includes accommodation.

For further information contact course director Keith Mallett at 82 Lytton Road, Leicester, tel: 0533-704182/823525.

Record run for Bingham's men

BRITISH champions Northern Ireland stretched their unbeaten run to a record nine matches on their recent Australian tour.

Billy Bingham's side were originally due to take part in a tournament down under to celebrate the Australian FA's centenary, but last minute withdrawals left the Irish high and dry as the only foreign competitors.

Three internationals with the Australians were hurriedly arranged in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide — with the Irish winning 2-1 (Chris Nichol, John O'Neill), drawing 1-1 (Martin O'Neill) and winning 2-1 (Noel Brotherston and Colin McCurdy).

For substitute McCurdy, from Irish champions Linfield, it was his first cap, while in the same game, Swindon's Brian Hamilton gained his 50th.

To round off the tour Ireland took on Western Australia and emerged 4-0 winners thanks to Terry Cochrane (2), Gerry Armstrong and Leicester's John O'Neill.

FOOTNOTE: Northern Ireland's Home International title has been marked by the publication of a comprehensive book on their past achievements entitled "100 years of Irish Football".

Written by Malcolm Brodie MBE, it is published in paperback by Blackstaff Press Ltd, 3 Galway Park, Dundonald, Belfast. Price £6.95.

International coaching courses

DESPITE England's disappointing showing in the European Championships, our football remains the envy of youngsters worldwide.

Proof comes with the excellent response to a new international soccer school.

Youngsters from America, Holland, France, Germany, Belgium and Scandinavia have been quick to seize the opportunity offered by Sandfield



Nottingham Forest's Martin O'Neill — on target in Northern Ireland's successful tour of Australia.



Match Weekly EXCLUSIVE

20 Places to be won at a Bobby Moore soccer school

If you want to improve your soccer skills... and have a great time as well then here is just the thing for you. Top professional coaching courses are to be held at various centres up and down the country during late July and early August. These popular Bobby Moore Soccer Schools provide an excellent way to develop your skills and Match Weekly has 20 free places to award as prizes in our latest super competition.

Regular readers will know that last season our writer Kevin Keegan chose the skills that made for a superstriker. For our latest competition we have selected some basic skills that everyone has to master to become a better player; heading, tackling, shooting, dribbling, and added to this, work rate. All we want you to do is put together your player in a million. So, for example, your player in a million would have the heading ability of Dave Watson; the shooting skills of Steve Coppell; the dribbling ability of Ardiles; the tackling of Mick Mills, and the work rate of Terry McDermott.

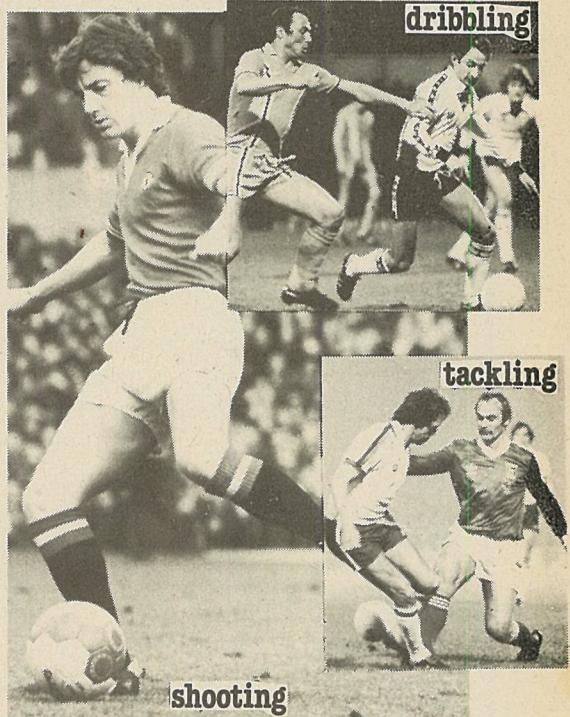
Can you put together a better player? If you can you stand the chance of winning a place at a Bobby Moore Soccer School of your choice.

ABOUT THE SCHOOLS.

The schools of the ex-England skipper are for children aged between 9 and 15. Coaching is given in all aspects of the game including films, lectures, and of course practical lessons and demonstrations. Some of the coaches involved are Paddy Crerand, Ian St John, Ron Yeats, Ron Springett, Phil Neal and Mike Summerbee. Each school is a non-residential course that runs from Monday to Friday. The times are 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Lunch is provided and everyone on the course receives a free football, coaching manual, sew on badges, and a certificate of merit. There will also be a Match Weekly award to be won at each of the schools by the best young soccer stars. The resident coaches will be awarding marks for this scheme.

All in all it's a super prize on a really top class scheme.

If you want to know more about the Bobby Moore Soccer Schools send a stamped and addressed envelope to Coral Sports Development, 5th Floor Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square House, London W1X 5PE.



A MESSAGE FROM BOBBY MOORE

For the past four years I have been watching the rapid development of soccer schools in both America and Europe, and I believe that such schools would be both tremendously popular and helpful in this country.

With the help of Coral Sports Development, my soccer schools are now open, and I look forward to meeting the many Match Weekly readers who will be taking part in the courses.

Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol
North, South, East and West London, Newcastle, Nottingham
Southampton, Liverpool, Milton Keynes
Southend, Manchester, Leeds

Bobby Moore soccer school venues

PLAYER IN A MILLION
SIMPLY choose a player that you think excels in each of the named skills. Players can be both home or foreign based, but must be currently playing. Then send your entry form (If you do not wish to cut your copy of Match Weekly mark up a coupon on a piece of paper) to: Player in a Million, Match Weekly Competitions, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF. The closing date for all entries is July 11th, 1980. The best twenty combinations judged by Bobby Moore will each be awarded a free place at a Bobby Moore Soccer School of their choice.

Name

Address

Tel

Age

PLAYER IN A MILLION ENTRY COUPON

Heading Shooting

Dribbling Tackling

Work Rate

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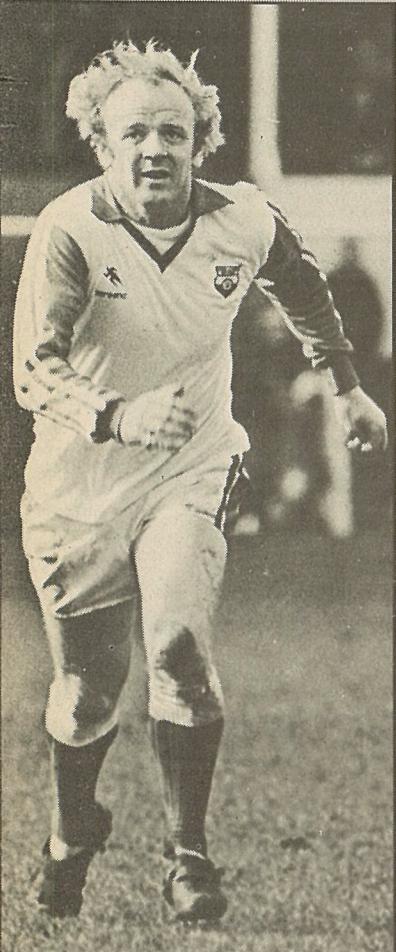
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TURF MOOR TESTER

Newport's baptism of fire at Burnley



Doncaster Rovers manager Billy Bremner takes his side to Burslem Park to play Port Vale on the opening Saturday of the season.

IN THEIR first season out of the Fourth Division since 1962, Newport County face a tough baptism at Turf Moor.

But the Welsh Cup holders, who make their European debut in the Cup Winners' Cup alongside such famous sides as West Ham, Benfica and Celtic, will be able to gain a taste of their potential when they face newly relegated Burnley and Charlton in their two opening Division Three fixtures.

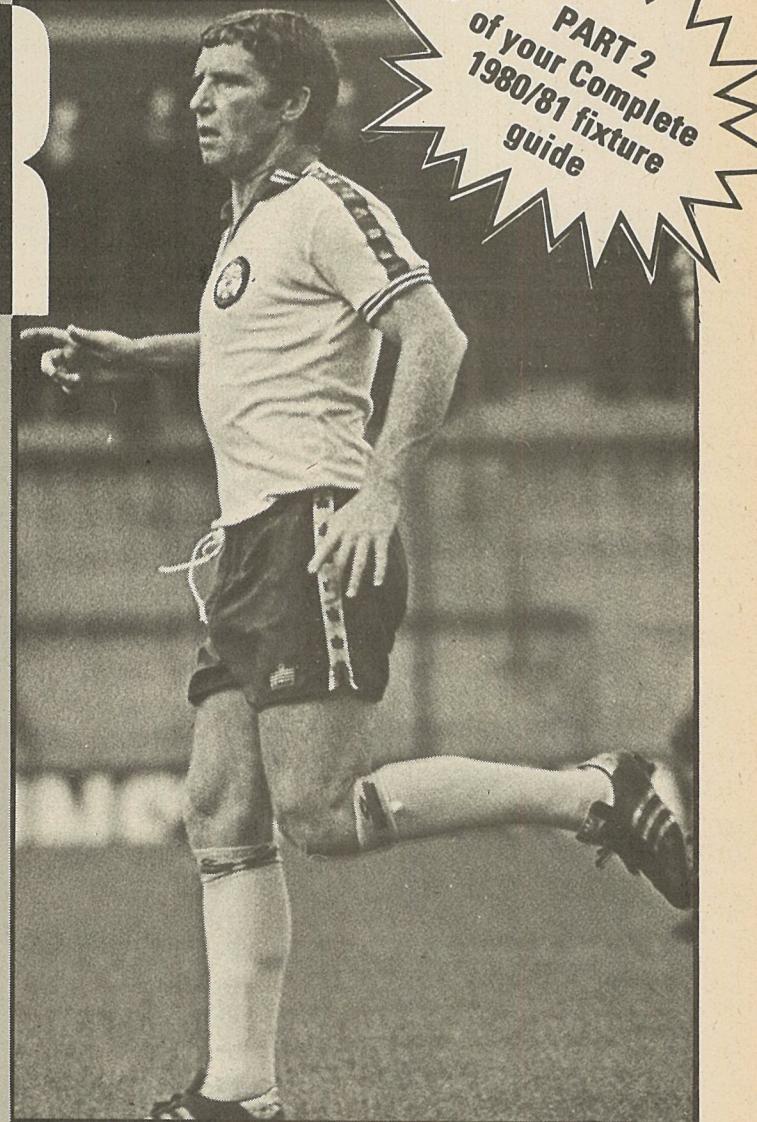
Len Ashurst's young, workmanlike side then face an interesting October in which they come up against the three sides promoted with them from the Fourth Division — Portsmouth, Huddersfield and Walsall — in quick succession.

In a bid to boost falling gates Fulham have been considering forming a Rugby League side and joining the 'uppanunda' brigade with alternate soccer and rugby matches at their Craven Cottage Ground. And it's ironic that one of their soccer visitors are from Hull, home of Rugby League cup holders, Hull Kingston Rovers.

Opening day fixtures (August 16).

Division Three: Barnsley v Portsmouth; Swindon v Blackpool; Charlton v Brentford; Burnley v Newport; Carlisle v Sheffield United; Chester v Oxford; Chesterfield v Huddersfield; Colchester v Plymouth; Exeter v Gillingham; Millwall v Hull City; Reading v Walsall; Rotherham v Fulham.

Division Four: York v



New Blackpool manager Alan Ball. The Seasiders begin their Division Three programme with a tough fixture at Swindon.

Bournemouth; Scunthorpe v Aldershot; Wimbledon v Bradford; Bury v Southend; Crewe v Torquay; Darlington v Northampton; Port Vale v Doncaster; Halifax v Mansfield; Wigan v Hartlepool; Hereford v Tranmere; Lincoln v Peterborough; Stockport v Rochdale.

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LEAGUE Champions Liverpool and FA Cup winners West Ham meet head on at Wembley in the Charity Shield on Saturday, August 9. The other two big Wembley games are March 14 (League Cup Final) and May 9 (FA Cup Final).

The first round of the League Cup will be played over two legs between August 9 and 23. The other League Cup rounds are as follows: two (first and second leg) — August 27 and September 3, three — September 24, four — October 29, five — December 3, semi-final (first and second legs) — January 14 and February 11. FA Cup rounds: one — November 22, two — December 13, three — January 3, four — January 24, five — February 14, six — March 7, semi-finals — April 11.

ASK US

PHILLIP Marchant of Boxmoor, Herts asks:
How many goals has Luther Blissett scored for Watford?
38 in the Football League to the end of season 1979-80.

★ ★ ★
JONATHAN Swain of Sutton, Surrey, asks:
How many League appearances did Bobby Charlton make,
how many League goals did he score, when did he score
his first goal and against who?
*Bobby Charlton's complete Football League record was
642 matches and 206 goals — 198 in 604 with Manchester
United and 8 in 38 with Preston North End. In his League
debut on 6 October, 1956, he scored twice in a 4-2 win, at
home to Charlton Athletic!*

★ ★ ★
PETER Wallace of Maghull, Liverpool asks:
In which season was the first Merseyside Derby and what
was the score?
*They first met in the Football League on October 13, 1894
(First Division), when Everton won at home by 3-0.*

★ ★ ★
ROBERT Cunningham of Solihull, W. Midlands asks:
I am a Coventry fan and would like to know who their
leading goalscorer was in the 1966-67 season, when
Coventry were Second Division champions?
Bobby Gould with 24 League goals.

★ ★ ★
GARY Higgs of Huyton, Liverpool asks:
I have two programmes dated 1957-58. The teams
involved are Leicester v Nottingham Forest on October 19,
1957 and Rochdale v Darlington on November 16, 1957 (1st
round FA Cup). Could you possibly tell me the scores of
these games?
Leicester City 3, Forest 1; Rochdale 0, Darlington 2.

★ ★ ★
JULIE Langley of Welwyn Garden City, Herts asks:
How many games did Emlyn Hughes play for Liverpool
before leaving to go to Wolves?
474 League matches.

★ ★ ★
NEIL Rowlands of Wigan, Lancs. asks:
What teams in the English Leagues did Bob Houghton
manage before he took charge of the Swedish club,
Malmö?
*Bob Houghton did not manage any club in England. He
was a player with Fulham, Brighton and Hove, Hastings,
Margate, and Maidstone, and was youth coach of Ipswich
Town, and a player-manager in South Africa.*

★ ★ ★
MICHAEL Sherlock of Gloucester asks:
Has any team ever won a major cup competition and been
relegated in the same season?
No.

★ ★ ★
DAVID Haworth of Halifax asks:
Has any club ever won the FA Cup without having a goal
scored against them in all the rounds?
Yes. Preston North End (1888-89) and Bury (1902-3).

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SHOW-

Any second thoughts, Kevin? You'll be a marked man from Brighton to Middlesbrough

I WONDER if Kevin Keegan
has had second thoughts
about his decision to come
back into English football
with Southampton?

If he's honest with himself,
I'm sure the answer will be
"Yes" because he must

realise more than ever how
difficult it is going to be for
him.

He will be a marked man from
Brighton to Middlesbrough next
season and remember, he's got
to come and do his stuff at a time
when he's had more
disappointments in a month than
he's probably had in the rest of
his career.

One of my memories of Madrid
was seeing Keegan looking like a
ghost after we had beaten
Hamburg to win the European
Cup. After that he experienced
more failure when Bayern
Munich clinched the German
League ahead of Hamburg and
then, of course, came the
England setbacks in Italy.

And he must know as well as
anyone that it's not going to be
any easier. I read one quote
attributed to him after the
European Cup Final in which he
said that Larry Lloyd and Kenny
Burns were uncompromising —
or words to that effect.

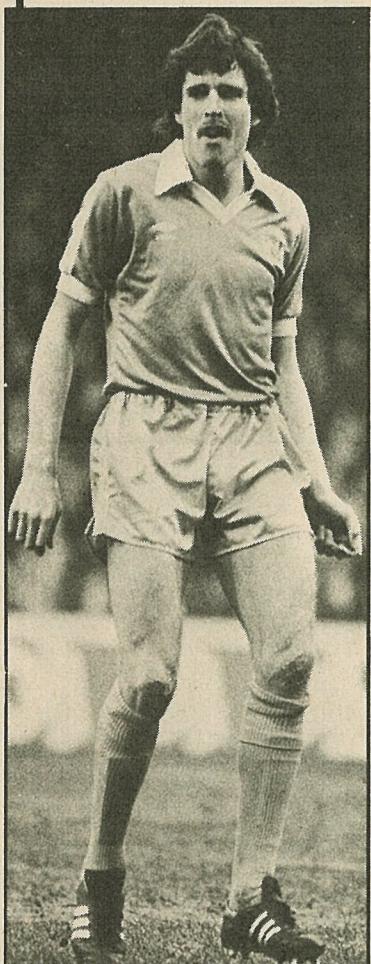
I can guarantee it here and
now that they will be just as
uncompromising when
Southampton face Forest twice
this coming season. If they are
not in that mood over 42 games
— never mind two — I will want
to know why.

Inviting

And that's just us! There won't
be a handful of clubs in the
country who will let Keegan run
the show against them next
season.

They face Manchester City in
the first match and can you
imagine the likes of Paul Power
or Tommy Booth or any of the
other lads inviting Keegan to
turn on his talents?

And just consider the thoughts
of some 19-year-old at Leicester
or Coventry when they have to
come face to face with Keegan
for the first time. Of course, they



Manchester City skipper Paul Power will be masterminding ways of snuffing out the Keegan danger when the Maine Road lads visit Southampton on the opening day.

STOPPERS!

Brian Clough writes for you every week



will respect his ability but because it's Keegan they will be pushing their young muscles to the limit against him.

It's just one of those things he will have to accept — the same as Geoff Boycott knows that people put that little bit extra in against him on a cricket field; the same as Sebastian Coe knows that everybody is desperate to beat him to the tape.

But, having said all that and realising the disappointments Keegan has had over the last couple of months, I'm certain I'm not on my own in thinking he will

cope.

Anybody with talent — and make no mistake, he's got talent — will relish the kind of challenge that confronts him on his return to English football.

I must admit, it surprised me a little bit that he opted out of the seemingly idyllic lifestyle he had made for himself in Germany. He was a big star out there and, from what we heard everything was going his way until Nottingham Forest, Bayern Munich and Italy cut off his success routes.

Now, he's coming to

This is the kind of treatment Kevin Keegan has been receiving in a Hamburg shirt during the last three seasons — and he will be facing similar close encounters when he returns to the First Division next month. Up and down the country he can expect few favours as the Keegan Show hits the road.

Southampton and hasn't even got European football to look forward to. When he was negotiating with Lawrie McMenemy it was a fair bet they would be qualifying for the U.E.F.A. Cup, but they tailed off badly.

I'm certain that Keegan will want another crack at the

European Cup but it would be a brave man who would suggest that Southampton are going to win the League next season.

A handwritten signature of Brian Clough in black ink.



THE STARS PREDICT

PREDICTIONS as to the outcome of the European Championships, made before a ball was kicked, make interesting reading.

West Bromwich Albion manager and Match Weekly columnist Ron Atkinson, part of the ITV commentary team in Italy, forecast a victory for Italy over West Germany in the final — with a two-goal margin in the result.

Ipswich skipper Mick Mills plumped, not surprisingly, for England — with Czechoslovakia as the losing finalists and West Germany and Italy taking third and fourth places respectively.

Star Belgian defender Julien Cools also went for England, with West Germany, Holland and Belgium filling the next three places.

Other players' predictions for the top four were as follows:

Juan Manuel Asensi (Spain) — 1 Italy, 2 West Germany, 3 England, 4 Holland. Mauro Bellugi (Italy) — 1 Italy, 2 West Germany, 3 England, 4 Holland. Bernard Dietz (West Germany) — 1 West Germany, 2 Italy, 3 England, 4 Holland. Mike Galakos (Greece) — 1 West Germany, 2 Italy, 3 England, 4 Greece. Wim van Hanegem (Holland) — 1 Italy, 2 West Germany, 3 England, 4 Holland.

Now Spain hit by bribes scandal

ITALY are not the only country trying to shake off the embarrassment of a bribes scandal. In Spain and Portugal, too, accusations and counter-accusations are hogging the headlines.

The captain of Betis of Seville has alleged that his team was offered 750,000 pesetas (£5,000) to draw with Real Sociedad, who finished runners-up in the league.

Betis skipper Benitez and his team mate Moran appeared before the Spanish Football Federation's competitions committee to explain how they were offered the money to draw when Betis played the then league leaders away on March 16.

They were offered the money by telephone at their Madrid hotel during the week and told that it would be doubled if they pulled off a win.

They actually received the money when someone turned up

at Madrid airport as they were leaving and gave them the money wrapped up in newspaper in a plastic bag.

The identity of the man who provided the money was not revealed. But it is speculated that the president of Real Madrid, Luis de Carlos — who admitted paying additional bonuses to Sevilla when they defeated the San Sebastian title chasers in their penultimate game — is behind it all.

And in Portugal, Sporting Lisbon have accused Oporto, their biggest rivals, of bribing the opposition.

They have said that the Oporto directors were involved in offering Union Leiria over £1,500 to draw or win in Lisbon.

One player of Victoria de Guimares has confessed he was offered £1,000 to win against Sporting. Curiously he ended up on the losing side after scoring an own goal — the only one of the game!

World Cup star on the move

ARGENTINA's World Cup star Daniel Bertoni, scorer of one of the vital winning goals in the 1978 final against Holland, is expected to sign for Italian First Division club Florence.

The Italian club, for whom international midfielder Giancarlo Antognoni has been captain and inspiration for several recent seasons of struggle, bid more than 2,000 million lira for the goalscoring winger in a behind-the-scenes deal during the European Championships (about £1 million).

The deal was set up by the presidents of the two clubs, Eugenio Montes of Sevilla and Tito Corsi of Florence.

Bertoni, who was with Sevilla for two years after signing following his fine performances in the Argentina side in 1978, has been offered a contract for three years at about £90,000 per year.



Julien Cools — the Belgian star didn't fancy his team's chances in the European Championships. See 'The Stars Predict'.

Sou Rog

FORMER Derby and Leicester striker Roger Davies leads the NASL scoring charts after a marvellous start to the season.

He has grabbed 15 goals and five assists and his total of 35 points is a club record. The goals have taken Seattle Sounders to the top of the National West Division.

Sounders recently edged out San Diego 3-2 with Jeff Stock's winning goal being the third time this year that they've won in the final minute of sudden-death overtime.

Chasing Roger Davies hard at the top of the scoring charts is the familiar figure of Giorgio Chinaglia. The Italian international scored once in New York Cosmos' 2-1 win over New

Record fee for Alesanco

JOSE Ramon Alesanco, right, Spain's star defender in their domination of Italy when they opened their European Championship campaign, became Barcelona's first major summer signing only four days before the tournament began.

The 24-year-old sweeper moved from his Basque club Atletico Bilbao to the Catalan giants for a fee of about £650,000, the biggest transfer fee of a Spaniard between Spanish clubs.

It was an unexpected move. Barcelona were not known to be

looking for a defender after providing two central defenders for the national squad and making enquiries to almost every major club in Europe for star forwards.

But Alesanco, who made his 11th full international appearance when the Spaniards held and deserved to beat the Italians in San Siro, was not worrying about that. He is expecting a long contract with Barcelona and a long career with the Spanish team.



ANDREAS Toroczik, the gifted Hungarian centre forward, continued his international re-emergence from two glum years of injury and suspension, when he fired home two of Hungary's goals in their 3-1 defeat of Scotland.

Toroczik, assisted by the midfield mastery of Tibor Nyilasi, had earlier scored the winner against Poland.

With both players back in the international side and playing well, Hungary are talking of qualifying for the 1982 World Cup and forgetting about their 1978 debacle when both men were sent off in the first round match with Argentina in Buenos Aires.

England's great jer!

SOCCEr USA

England and notched his tenth NASL hat-trick in the 6-0 win over Atlanta.

The victories widened Cosmos' lead at the top of the NASL National East Division.

Chinaglia now has 14 goals and four assists and 32 points. Fort Lauderdale's Ray Hudson is third on 25 points while former Coventry striker Alan Green of Washington Diplomats has ten goals.

Chinaglia's goal in Cosmos' 4-1 win at California Surfs was his record-breaking 102nd in the NASL and the Professional Soccer Reporters Association will honour the feat with a special presentation at the NASL's annual awards banquet.



Chinaglia turns away after scoring yet another goal for New York Cosmos.

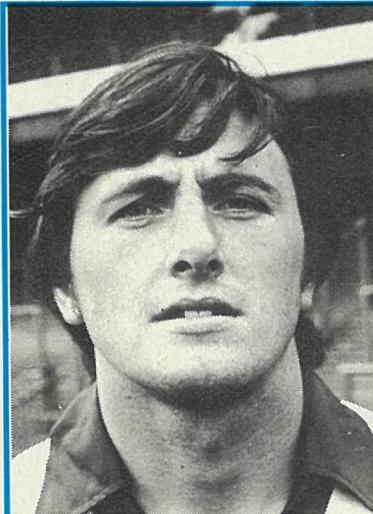
Faulkner rescues ten-man Memphis

LUTON centre-half John Faulkner had to pull out all the stops when his Memphis player-coach Charlie Cooke, the old Chelsea favourite, got his marching orders in a recent North American Soccer League game.

His tremendous performance in defence against Chicago Stings earned Faulkner the "first star player of the week" award by the Professional Soccer Reporters Association.*

With Memphis having to play with ten men for 65 minutes Faulkner had a tremendous responsibility at the heart of the defence.

And how well he responded! He stopped a dangerous indirect free-kick from just eight yards out and used his height to advantage to head out numerous crosses and corners to keep the pressure off 'keeper Bob Stettler,



Derby's Billy Caskey... three match-winning goals this season.

who had to make only one save in the game.

And that's not all. For Faulkner also scored the first Memphis goal in their tremendous 3-2 win over the Stings.

*PSRA members choose "three stars of the game" at all NASL matches. Selection of the "first star player of the week" is based on the results of that balloting.

Conn charms the fans

SAN Jose Earthquakes' Scottish international winger Alfie Conn has been nicknamed "King Conn" by the fans.

The former Rangers, Celtic and Tottenham forward is proving just as big a hit with the fans as he was in this country. He played one season for the Pittsburgh Spirit before signing for Earthquakes.

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KEITH Furphy — son of former Sheffield United and Watford boss Ken Furphy — has scored all five Atlanta Chiefs goals in the last eight games.

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DERBY striker Billy Caskey (left) has scored three goals for Tuisa Roughnecks this season — and they've all been match-winners!

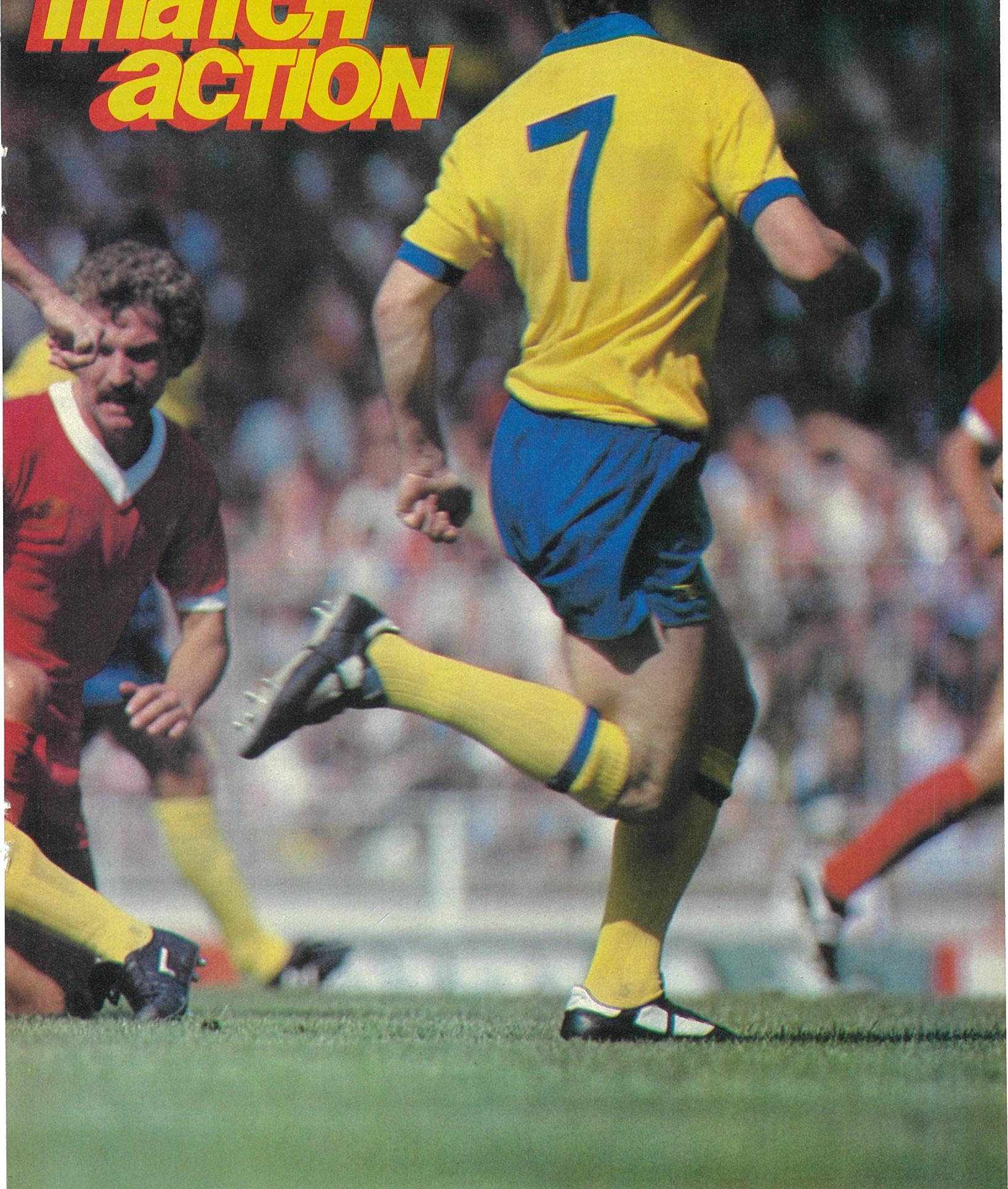
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TWO experienced campaigners are helping Los Angeles Aztecs bid for honours this season. They are 33-year-old former Dutch international Wim Jansen, signed from Feyenoord, and Dave Robb, who starred for Philadelphia last season after an outstanding career at Tampa Bay Rowdies. He also played for Aberdeen and Norwich.



Frank Stapleton weaves in and out of the towering challenge imposed by Alan Hansen (6) and Graeme Souness as Arsenal seek to peg back Liverpool's lead during last year's Charity Shield at Wembley. Liam Brady (7) stands by to help.

match **action**





● Mike Thomas, Man. Utd.

RON Greenwood must decide on his best team and stick with it all the way to the 1982 World Cup finals, says Welsh wing wizard Mike Thomas.

He says Greenwood's problem of having so many players of similar ability made it difficult for them to play settled football in the European Championships.

"Every successful side is a settled side," Thomas told Match Weekly. "I know Ron Greenwood doesn't have as much time with his team as he would like but he must find his best eleven sooner or later.

"He's got to choose between

'England need younger players'

— Mike Thomas

Shilton and Clemence and stick with him and the same goes for the rest of the back four."

Manchester United's Thomas pays no attention to the excuse that we could have got to the final but for the disallowed goal against Belgium.

"England just weren't good enough on the day. When Wales beat them on the opening day of the Home Internationals England were so disorganised their defeat could have been a lot heavier than 4-1.

"England must start picking younger players. The old 'uns have been caught out in the heat in Italy and it will be the same in Spain.

"I'd like to see Glenn Hoddle win a regular place with Vince Hilaire and Graham Rix — who I reckon will be the best in the country before long."

'Main problem is in midfield' — Billy Bonds

"IT WAS a disappointing championship all round. It was the same old story, not enough goals, but had England got the breaks it could have been them, not Belgium, in the final against Germany," said West Ham skipper Billy Bonds.

"The Germans were always the best side in the competition, always capable of stepping up a gear and that Schuster impressed me, he was magic.

"England's main problem is getting more midfield players forward to score goals. In the Italy game I was disappointed that Neal and Sansom didn't push up. If they had it could have



● Billy Bonds, West Ham.

been us that got the one goal that was always going to win it.

"But having seen the tournament, I'm more convinced than ever that given the breaks we've got what it takes to do well in the World Cup, especially with the crop of youngsters coming through."

'Our season was too long' — Paul Hart

in nearly so many matches as these top internationals playing with clubs who go a long way in other competitions and in the Home Internationals.

"I'm sure that if England had been fresh we would have at least reached the final.

"Ray Wilkins emerged for me as a world class player and I think that by the time Spain comes round Glenn Hoddle will be a regular in the side with West Brom's Bryan Robson as anchorman in midfield."

● Paul Hart, Leeds Utd.

"THE length of the English season robbed us of doing better in the tournament. They looked tired and I can well understand it," said Leeds' defender Paul Hart.

"For me, the season was just right, but Leeds weren't involved

'Birtles decision was right one'

VINCE Hilaire doesn't necessarily agree that the England team would be improved by the introduction of more skilful players.

Considering his own breathtaking ability and his billing as one of our hopes for Spain it's an amazing statement. But he says: "The team comes before any individual. Players, no matter how skilful, have got to fit into the system or they're no good."

The Crystal Palace star believes over-confidence was the main reason why England

failed to do themselves justice. "We let the results cloud over the mediocre performances before we left for the championships," Hilaire said.

"England thought they were better than they really were. We had a warning against Wales and Northern Ireland but we beat Scotland at Hampden and everybody thought it was rosy once more.

"I don't think Kevin Keegan played too well in a couple of games for England before Italy but because he scored people forgot about his performance."

'I WAS DISAPPOINTED FOR MY PERFORMANCE IN ITALY . . .

... says Dennis Mortimer

"WEAK . . . lacking in determination . . . too casual . . . too nice . . . unimaginative . . . too old," the Dennis Mortimer verdict on England's performance was delivered in the strongest possible terms.

The comments came from a top-class professional, frustrated at England's approach to the European Championships and bewildered by the reaction to their displays.

He said: "Kenny Sansom was supposed to be our star player yet I say he's gone backwards in this tournament.

"When Aston Villa played Crystal Palace in the League Cup the season before last Sansom was picking balls up deep, running at defenders and getting to the bye-line.

"I only saw him do that once in Italy — and we nearly scored from that. He was too content to knock high balls in from just over the half-way line which gave our forwards no chance.

"Ray Wilkins was another who disappointed me. He's a terrific passer of the ball but everything is square. They don't put pressure on the defenders.

"We try and copy teams like Germany who play the slow-slow-quick game. But we haven't the players to do it. We

can slow it down but can't speed it up."

Moving away from individuals — although he did praise Phil Thompson and Dave Watson — Mortimer was also highly critical of the team's attitude. He said they didn't have the determination or guts to go out and win.

"We were too nice to opponents. We've got to get back to the days when we had hard men in the team who rough people up, get stuck in and show a positive attitude.

"Players like Stiles and Storey were willing to go round and kick people but England didn't have anybody like that in Italy. I was amazed when I heard Ron Atkinson patting people on the back for not retaliating.

"It's a load of rubbish. We don't want powder-puff footballers for England.

"I'm not saying we've got to retaliate and end up getting sent off. But you've got to get a foot in at tackles — I've always said that if you get in hard and win the first tackle you feel stronger and confident for the rest of the game.

"I also got fed up with the number of times Kevin Keegan came on the television and talked about the fabulous spirit

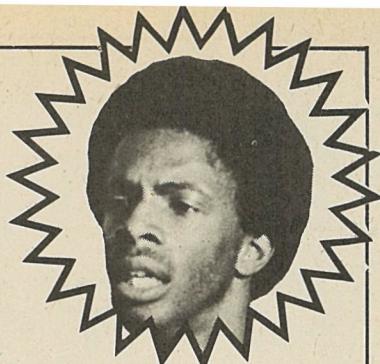
- Vince Hilaire

Hilaire criticised those who preferred to wait until after the event before saying what was wrong with England.

"Steve Coppell was criticised but he played no worse than in the games before Italy. He's never let England down.

"And the decision to play Garry Birtles was the right one. I rate him among the top three centre-forwards in the country. If he'd have played well and scored everybody would have said what a terrific move by Ron Greenwood.

"You can bring young players



• **Vince Hilaire, Crystal Palace.** with limited experience into the side — as long as the team is doing well and the players bubbling. We weren't too clever against Belgium and that put more pressure on Garry."

APPPOINTED PROFESSION'

in the squad.

"I know you need a good atmosphere but I felt the mood in the camp was too casual and friendly — you also need someone shaking a fist at team-mates and geeing up people. We didn't have that.

"Far too many of the team gave me the impression that they knew they were going to get picked for these championships two or three years ago.

"It's totally wrong. We should get rid of the old legs and give new players a chance. West Brom's Bryan Robson has got a bit of go in him and he could have done the holding job which we needed in midfield.

"I'd like to see Glen Hoddle and Gordon Cowans come into the team and Tony Woodcock will be a better player when Spain comes along.

"If you look at the sides in Italy most of them — even the Greeks — had two or three players with something special. We didn't.

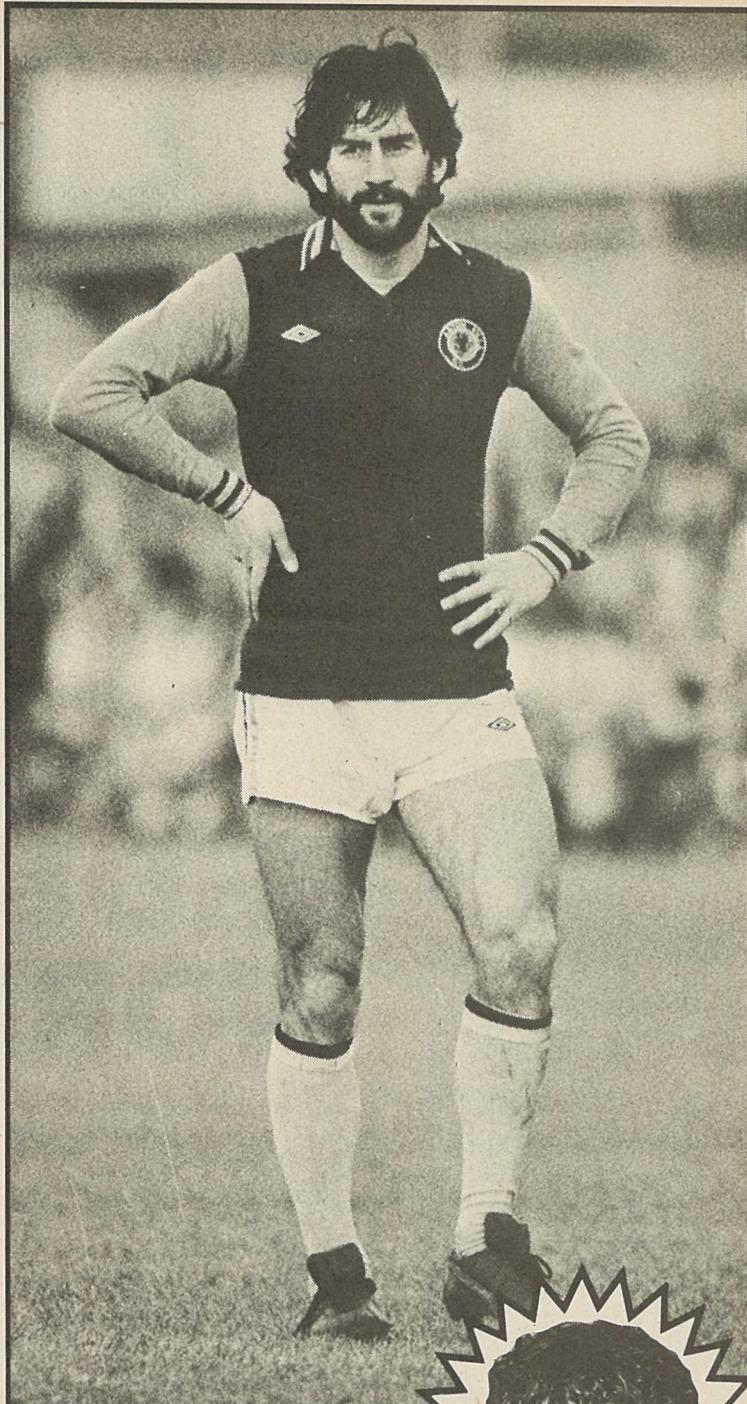
"We were too stereotyped. Italy wanted us to play balls up to Woodcock and Birtles because they knew we couldn't do anything from there. It wasn't working but we didn't change at half-time. I was very disappointed for my profession."

ITALY The professionals verdict

RON Greenwood, the English players, the press and television experts have all had their say on why England failed in the European Championships.

Now Match Weekly gives other players a chance to join in on the 'What went wrong in Italy?' debate.

We've spoken to the stars watching on television in this country to get their opinion and find out how we can do better in the World Cup in 1982.



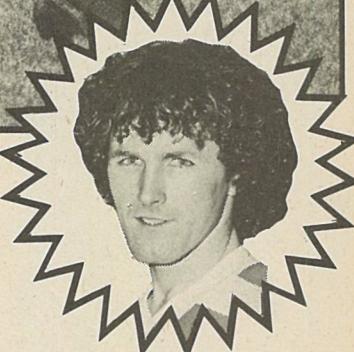
Dennis Mortimer — 'England were too nice to opponents. We don't want powder-puff players.'

'There's nothing to worry about' — Davie Provan

"ENGLAND have nothing to worry about. I didn't see a better side in the tournament, but they obviously missed Trevor Francis and a winger like Barnes or Cunningham with penetration who could get round the back of defences," said Celtic's Davie Provan.

"They also lacked a player with the flair of Antognoni of Italy and Vandereycken of Belgium. They impressed me as did Schuster, the German lad.

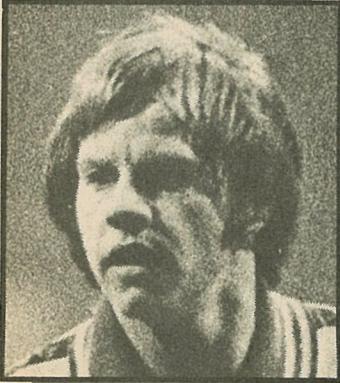
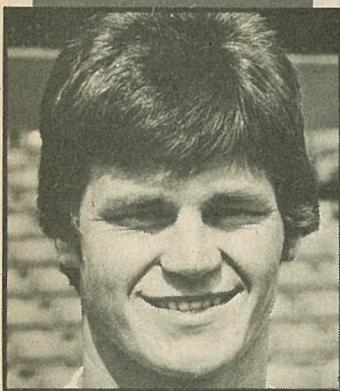
"They're not ruthless enough,



• **Davie Provan, Celtic.** that sticks out. They need more dig in their game.

"Keegan played a lot better than he was given credit for. He did a lot of running that the average viewer wouldn't notice. Hoddle, Thompson, Watson and Sansom did well, too. But Woodcock, he was a great disappointment.

"But on the whole, nothing to worry about for Ron Greenwood. England learned a lot and they'll be there in Spain."



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Put the initials or stated letters from the answer to the question in the appropriate squares to identify the name of the mystery player. Answers on page 35.

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**5 FOOTBALLS
MUST BE WON**

CROSS WORD

Clues Across

- Pride of the Hammers. (6, 8)
- Port -----
- England midfielder. (3, 7)
- Drop shot.
- Villa Scot with a Welsh name.
- Cup dominated by German teams this season. (1.1.1.1.)
- WBA Remi.
- Fulham defender.
- A 10-0 defeat would be one.
- Weather condition that's caused games to be abandoned.
- Wrexham midfielder.
- Attackers like to see the ball put in the back of this.
- Yearn to become a Dundee United regular. (anagram)
- Arsenal's Mr Magic.
- Turn Les Irr into Notts County's manager.
- Coventry nickname. (3, 6)

Clues Down

- High-scoring Wednesday forward. (5, 6)
- Crazy Horse Hughes.
- They've won the European Cup five times. (4, 6)
- Transform Sir N Boon into a Maine Road striker (anagram)
- King Keegan — in short.
- Spin Reg Hails around to find Luton's Tony.
- Man United defender.
- Strike the ball hard.
- Everton attacker, formerly of QPR, Swindon and Wolves.
- Brighton defender — or QPR's chairman?
- A Charlie at Southampton.
- Goal-keeping team-mate of 19 down.
- Could be Man City's Nicky.
- Division Four City.
- It's home to McMenemy and Co.

AND PUZZLE PAGE...

Players often get caught in this trap. 5

Only team to beat England in European Championships. 12

The winners of this year's European Cup Final. 10, 7

Nottingham Forest and England right back. 4, 9

Winner of the 1966 World Cup. 3

The Eire Club managed by Johnny Giles. 13, 2

From which club was Steve Coppell transferred to Manchester United for £30,000. 1, 6

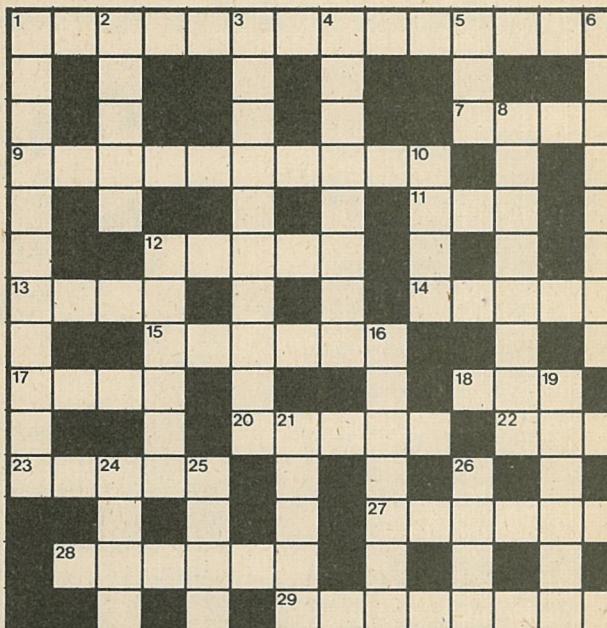
The safest hands at Anfield. 8, 11

THERE are prizes galore on this week's HALF TIME page. In addition to the ten autographed Kevin Keegan books being offered in the Spot the Difference competition (right), we are offering five more leather footballs in the crossword competition. Why not have a go? The questions are easy and the prizes absolutely FREE.

HOW TO ENTER: Simply solve the crossword, writing your answers in ballpoint pen. Fill in your name and address on the coupon, cut around the dotted lines and send it in an envelope to Match Weekly, Crossword No. 42, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough.

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Get your entry in the post as soon as possible — the closing date is July 12. The results will be announced in the July 26 issue.

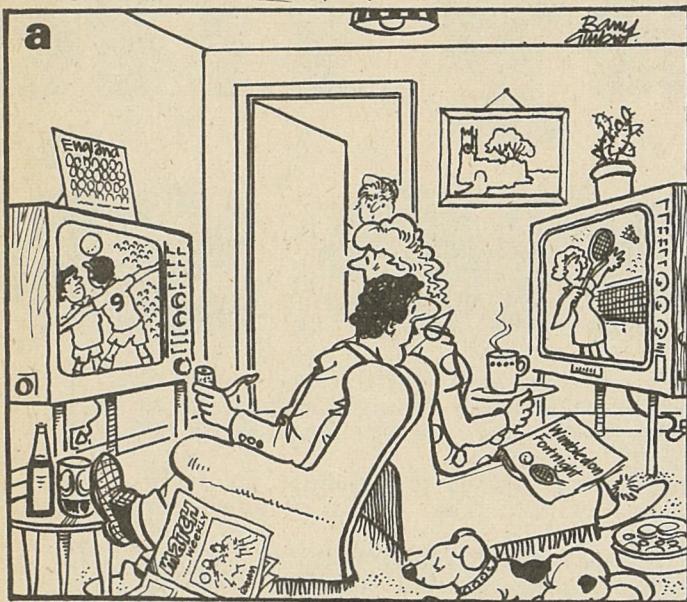


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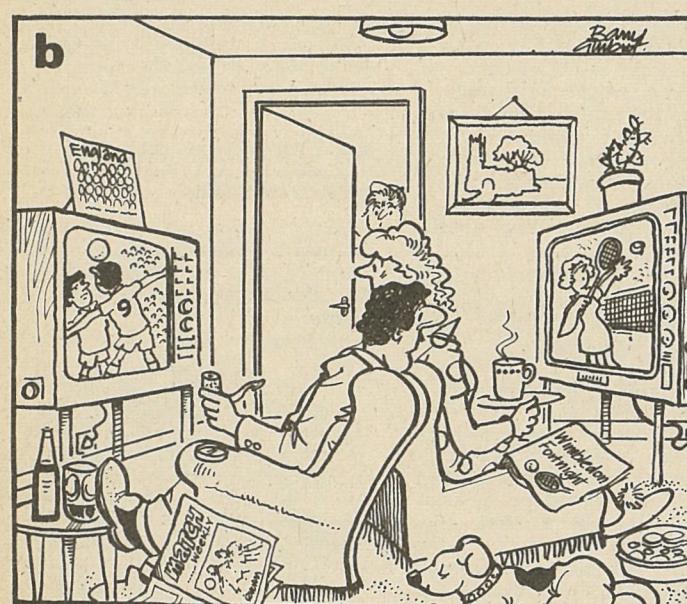
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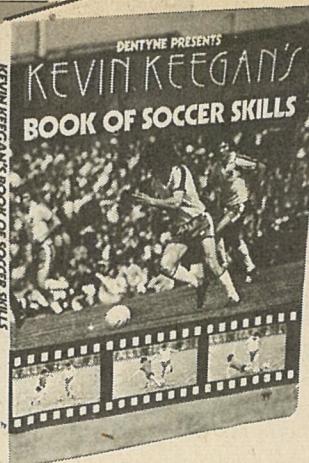
KEEGAN'S NEW BOOK

Autographed by Kevin

TEN autographed copies of Kevin Keegan's Book of Soccer Skills are being given away as prizes in this week's Spot the Difference competition.

In his super new book Kevin reveals the skills that have made him a soccer superstar and there are lots of diagrams and action photographs showing just how it's done.

One of these super prizes can be yours — FREE. All you have to do is spot the ten differences in the two cartoons on the left. Mark the ten changes on cartoon B by



putting a ring around them, preferably in a bright coloured pen such as red.

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IT'S QUIZ TIME!

HOW'S your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 15 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978. Between 9 and 14 correct and you are a pretty knowledgeable fan. Below 8 — keep practising and reading **MATCH WEEKLY** EVERY WEEK.

- Who was voted Scottish Footballer of the year by the soccer writers in 1980?
- Paul Allen became the youngest man to play in an F.A. Cup Final, who was the previous youngest?
- Don Revie has recently been sacked as

manager of which Gulf state?

- Which team did Newport County defeat to win the 1980 Welsh Cup?
- On which grounds do the following play their home games a) Bury b) Hull c) Dunfermline
- With which club did Tony Currie begin his League career?
- From which club did Wolves sign Derek Parkin?
- Name the only player to be shown the yellow card in this year's F.A. Cup Final.
- Who scored the winning goal in this year's Scottish F.A. Cup Final?
- Which Italian international has recently been banned for three years in the Italian bribes scandal?
- In which year did all four home countries qualify for the final stages of the World Cup?
- Name the last team to win the F.A. Cup in successive years.
- Martin Peters became the first £200,000 signing when joining Spurs from West Ham, in a player + cash transfer. Which Spurs player went to West Ham as part of the deal?
- Benfica have been defeated twice in European Cup Finals at Wembley, once v Manchester United, and against which team in 1963?
- Name the last team prior to Arsenal to reach three successive F.A. Cup Finals.

Sly Italy made me sick

The British bobby is best

A LOT can be learned from the disgraceful behaviour of the small minority of England fans in Italy.

Firstly we now know how good the English police are in times of crisis. Unlike the Italians they are so calm when trouble occurs on the terraces.

The Italian police were indiscriminately walloping the nearest Englishman. But despite all this we must not forget the outrageous behaviour of our fans.

Mark Edwards, Rotherham

Italian police caused riot

EVERYONE is saying how disgusted they are with the English fans — but how can anyone possibly excuse the actions of the Italian police?

An isolated scuffle well away from the main batch of supporters was turned into a full-scale riot by Italian police hitting anybody with an England scarf and firing tear-gas at people who had nothing to do with the disturbance.

Surely the Italian authorities should have had the commonsense to have kept the rival supporters apart and made a token gesture of having a few policemen there rather than waiting five minutes before sending in their riot squad!

Mark Haley, Spalding

English fans are as bad as Scots

IT WAS clear against Belgium that not only do England have an inferior team but also an inferior set of supporters, who proved that they are just as violent as the worst Scottish fan.

Bobby Charlton was quick to point out that the supporters causing the trouble were British. The supporters let down England



Erwin Vandenberghe (left) and Luc Millicamps feeling the effects of tear gas during the game against England in Turin.

— not Scotland, Ireland or Wales. It's about time the English hooliganism came to light. All too often the media are ready to criticise the Scotland supporters when really the English fans are just as bad, if not worse.

Neil Strachan, Fife.

Halfwits who curse our game

LET'S stop calling those mindless, worthless gangs who are the curse of our national game "fans".

Fans are supposed to be enthusiasts, supporters, devoted to their idols and the teams they represent. The kind of undisciplined halfwits who've brought shame to England haven't the strength of character to stand on their own two feet.

Brian Haig, Glemsford, Suffolk.

Elegant Wilkins

WHILE watching England's opening game in the European

The dirtiest team ever!

AFTER watching the England v Italy game I'm disgusted with the ref for letting so many fouls go by the board.

Poor Tony Woodcock — every time he got the ball the Italians dumped him on the floor. Italy are the dirtiest team I've ever had the misfortune to watch and I certainly wouldn't pay to see them play.

I'm not an English supporter — in fact I'm a Scottish exile and still follow my home country. But I hate to see any team lose because of dirty tactics. It also brings the game into disrepute.

G Sherry, Telford, Salop

AFTER watching the England v Italy match I now realise how unfair football can be. The sly, ridiculous tackles that Italy committed made me feel absolutely sick that England didn't win.

England did very well not to retaliate and as for the referee some of the fouls he missed were too sickening to talk about.

If the Italians had picked up the English players and swung them round by their ankles it would have been a more pleasant way to tackle than some of the things that went on on the pitch.

M. Claybrough (14), Leeds

delighted when Italy got possession and scored against us. Mike Channon was the same. Graeme Hewitt (15), South Shields

Officials were so biased

THE officials in the Italy, England game were biased. One example came near the end when Tony Woodcock was about to take a corner.

He asked the linesman to move



Ref could have been Italian

I WAS disgusted by England's game with Italy. The referee was in Italy's favour all the time. The times Tony Woodcock was fouled but the ref always seemed to be giving Italy the free-kicks. It might just as well have been an Italian referee.

I've seen some bad refereeing in my time but this just about puts the top hat on it.

Wendy Slack, Spalding, Lincs

Channon must be crazy

I WAS disgusted at half-time of the England, Italy game when Mick Channon had the nerve to say that Steve Coppell wasn't good enough to play for England at this level. He must be crazy.

Steve Coppell is a little workhorse and is one of the main reasons why England got to the European Championship finals. He's worth his weight in gold to any team.

Tracy Whiteley (18), South Kirby, W Yorkshire

Encouragement

TV commentators should show more encouragement to England. Brian Moore was

WELCOME to Outraged — the weekly column which stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from MATCH WEEKLY readers — and which, in turn, outrage Match writer, Trevor HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further — and win £2 in the process — by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to MATCH WEEKLY. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.

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but the linesman just stood there. This was just one instance — there were many others I was appalled at.

Robert Cousins, Dagenham

Brooking in — plodders out

TO LEAVE Trevor Brooking on the sidelines against Italy was a major error of judgement. What sort of madness comes over England's managers when Italy are the opponents? Revie surrendered — now Greenwood!

Who can we England fans rely on to give us what we want? How can we make it known that we need class players like Brooking, Hoddle, Hilaire — not plodders and roadrunners like Kennedy and Neal?

Brooking is a master footballer who's won matches against Italy, 3-2 in New York and 2-0 at Wembley.

Andy O'Byrne, Croydon



CRUNCH! Kevin Keegan goes flying on the edge of the Italian box after another bad tackle. The Italians' treatment of the England captain and his men really got the letters flowing in to Terrace Talk.

OUTRAGED!

ROLL ON NEXT SEASON

NOT SO long ago I stood on the terraces of Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, looking forward to the end of the season with the FA Cup final, two European Cup finals, the Home Internationals and European Championships to come.

Now all I look back on is a one-goal FA Cup final, a ten-man defence show by Forest, a goalless Cup Winners' Cup final, a farce of a Home International championship and boring performances in Italy.

Roll on the new season so I can get back to watching Middlesbrough.

Philip Narman (14), Billingham

• If watching Middlesbrough is your cup of tea there's no hope for you. Be ready for the men in white coats.

I'm glad England failed

HARD LUCK England. Although you didn't reach the European Championship final you were really unlucky.

The only reason why you didn't qualify was the terrible refereeing. You had a perfectly good goal disallowed against Belgium and the Italian display against you was the dirtiest I have ever seen from an

international team.

But personally I'm glad you never won because we would never have heard the last of it — especially from Trevor Haylett.

John McKenzie, Greenock, Scotland

• No chance here of me agreeing with a Scotsman for the first time. The only reason England didn't qualify for the final was because we lacked real class when it mattered.

Get it right, Jack

WHY is Jack Charlton allowed to analyse matches on ITV when he doesn't even know the names of the players involved?

During the England, Scotland game he referred to Dave Watson as Dave Thompson and during the European Cup final John Robertson suddenly became Garry Robertson. Maybe it's old age setting in?

J. Morris, Woodford Green, Essex

• Forget about the occasional slip of the tongue mate. Jack Charlton is by far the most perceptive and informative analyst going. We missed him in Italy.

Told you so, smarty!

I'D LIKE to reply to smart Alec Trevor Haylett, who said in reply to my letter (June 7th) that Arsenal did not need to spend £1m as I suggested.

Unfortunately you've been proved wrong again because they've just spent a million on a certain Clive Allen. My advice to you now Trevor is to tip Arsenal for the championship.

Mark Edwards (14) Rotherham

• I still say that it was only tiredness that prevented Arsenal from winning both Cup finals. Money can't guarantee success. Just ask Malcolm Allison! But I'll guarantee you something — Clive Allen will score a hatful of goals — but Arsenal won't win the championship.

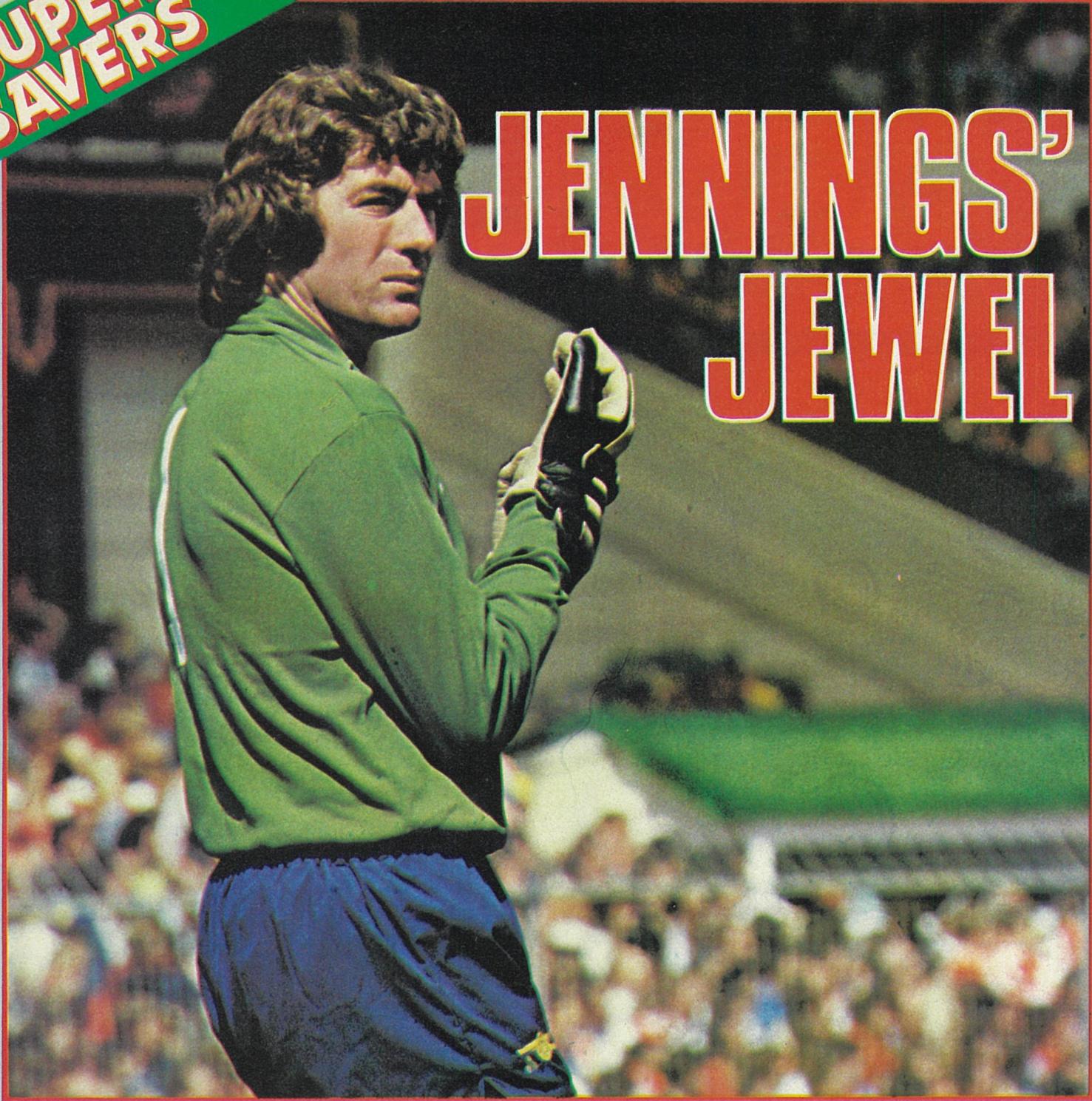
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JENNINGS' JEWEL



No 19: PAT JENNINGS, Arsenal and N. Ireland

BIRTHPLACE: Newry, Co. Down. **AGE:** 34. **CAREER:** Watford, Tottenham, Arsenal. **TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES:** 638. **INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** 1 Under-23, 81 full caps for Northern Ireland.

PAT Jennings always saves his best performances for Liverpool — and he doesn't have to go back very far for his greatest ever stop.

It came in Arsenal's second FA cup semi-final replay last season against the Anfield men.

Arsenal took a first-minute lead through Alan Sunderland and Liverpool then set up camp around Jennings' goal in a frantic attempt to equalise.

The first-half was drawing to a close and Liverpool's frustration mounting when Terry McDermott let fly with a shot from outside the penalty area.

It looked a goal all the way as the ball curled towards the top right corner at a ferocious pace.

But Jennings was equal to it, clawing the ball away at the far post at full-stretch for a jewel of a save.

The capacity Villa Park crowd could hardly believe it and Denis Law, commentating on the game for BBC Radio, said it was one of the greatest saves he'd ever seen.

Jennings continued to defy Liverpool and it wasn't until Kenny Dalglish's injury-time equaliser that he was finally beaten.



Kenny Dalglish Liverpool and Scotland



SCOT'S CORNER

Rio's grand, Saints star back fro

THE TRIP of a lifetime . . . that is how St Mirren defender Jackie Copland describes his club's recent three-match tour of Brazil.

"Just being able to visit South America was an experience in itself," the veteran 'Baddies' centre-back told Match Weekly.

"And the fact that we played three matches against Bangui in Rio, Vittoria, some 250 miles from the capital, and Coritiba was a real bonus.

"I think the biggest advantage from the trip was that we learned to play matches in a hostile environment — something that was new to most of our players and something we will need to get used to in next season's UEFA Cup.

"Of the squad who made the journey only Jimmy Bone and myself have any experience of playing in Europe. The problem of food, the climate and the highly-partisan home fans which we faced in Brazil will stand us in good stead in the European tournament."

The outstanding success of the tour was young striker Alan Logan who scored twice — once in the 1-0 win over Vittoria and once in the 1-1 draw with Coritiba.

Firecrackers

"We lost the opening match 2-0 after missing a penalty-kick. The match was played in the late afternoon. It was very hot and the pitch was bumpy with only patches of grass.

"It drew a crowd of only 5,000 but they made up for the lack of numbers with their drums and firecrackers," said Jackie.

"We did much better in the other two matches which were played in the evening. Against Vittoria it was a very physical contest and we did well considering it took a ten-hour bus journey from Rio to get there.

"The final game was in a nice stadium south of Rio and again Logan scored the goal which

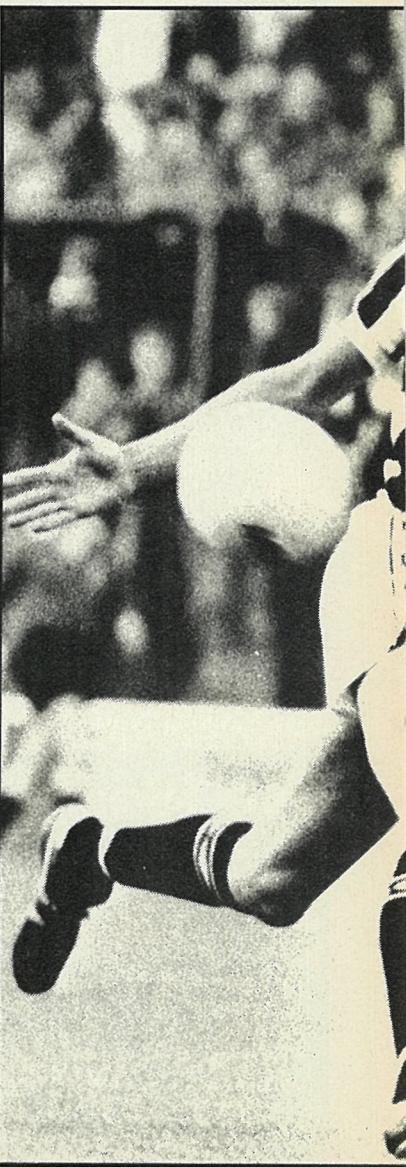
earned us a draw."

Copland was surprised at the small attendances at the game which belied the Brazilian football fanaticism.

"Apparently the whole set-up is geared to about four top clubs who supply all the players for the national squad. Santos of course are one of them.

"And we'll never forget the legendary Copacabana beach in

Right: Jackie Copland . . . 'trip of a lifetime to Brazil'.



says Jackie

m Brazil

Rio which is a minefield of good football players. We saw a crowd of hundreds standing watching a match being played at a furious pace on the sands."

Following their South American trip the Saints squad had a few weeks break before setting off for yet another safari. This time they head for Finland and three matches in Helsinki, starting on July 20.



Young John: 'new Greaves'

RANGERS manager John Greig hailed youngster John MacDonald as "a new edition of Jimmy Greaves" following the club's recent successful tour of Canada.

MacDonald had a particularly brilliant match against FC Nancy, scoring twice — goals which Greig described as "as good as any scored by Greaves at his best".

In addition to drawing with the French side, Rangers beat Ascoli of Italy 1-0 and then drew 1-1 with Botofoga of Brazil — enough to put them into the final of the tournament and a pay off of some £50,000.

Another outstanding success was midfielder Bobby Russell, who looks to have recaptured the form which made him the talk of football two years ago.

Missing from the Rangers side were new signings Colin McAdam and Jim Bett. Their transfers came too late for them to make the trip.

Winger Davie Cooper also missed the final. He had to fly home for his wedding, which coincided with the other big date.

Big name students

DUTCH coach Ger Blok flew back from the European championships in Italy to take part in the two week Scottish FA national coaching course at Stirling and Largs.

Blok heads a formidable team of coaches which also included Dundee United boss Jim McLean and Bobby Clark of Aberdeen.

Among the students were several top players including Brighton's Gordon Smith and Paul Sturrock of Dundee United. Among the foreign representatives were three from Baghdad, three from Jordan and one each from San Francisco, Canada and South Africa.

Shattered, the Hampden 'dream'

THE DREAM of a brand new Hampden, the shrine of Scottish football, looks like being scuppered because the Government has decided to pull out of their £5.5 million commitment to the project.

Bobby heads a clinic for kids

ABERDEEN goalkeeper Bobby Clark has made two coaching trips to the United States and the outcome is Scottish FA-organised coaching clinics in Scotland.

"We start the first one in Edinburgh on July 28," says coaching director Andy Roxburgh. "That will be followed by another in Stirling on August 11.

"They are the result of Bobby's visit to the United States and hopefully are the start of something big for Scottish youngsters."

Roxburgh, himself a former schoolteacher, has the backing of the Scottish Schools FA for the residential courses which will cost the youngsters £55 for the week. The main object is to improve the quality of play and natural skills of the youngsters.

Former England star Bobby Moore was a recent visitor to

the SFA. Bobby heads a commercial coaching project in England backed by a well-known firm of bookmakers.

They already have 20 non-residential coaching centres with facilities for 200 youngsters at each, in various parts of England.

But with the SFA promoting their own courses it's unlikely they will move north of the border.

"It's not that we frown on commercial interests," adds Andy. "But obviously the SFA want to keep tabs on what is going on and we also enjoy full co-operation from the schools."

Indeed, the manager and coach of the recently successful Scottish Under-15 schoolboy side will shortly attend a course organised for 50 specially-selected youngsters in Edinburgh as they set out to form a new side for next season.



Bobby Clark — coach to the kids.

Originally the scheme to rejuvenate Scotland's football home was estimated at around £11 million but due to inflation it has now reached £18 million and could go higher still.

Among those opposed to the idea from the start was Hibs chairman Tom Hart who more than a year ago described the project as "a pipe dream".

His forecast looks uncannily like coming true.

Hart wanted a multi sports complex to spread the financial load but the Scottish FA decided to opt for a football stadium.

The change of mind was sparked off by Rangers who announced that they were against spending vast sums to refurbish the ailing stadium suggesting instead that international matches be played at various grounds.

Stein's back with a smile

JOCK STEIN returned from the 1-1 draw between World Cup qualifying rivals Sweden and Israel in an optimistic mood.

"Obviously, the fact that Israel have drawn with both Northern Ireland and Sweden is a good result for us.

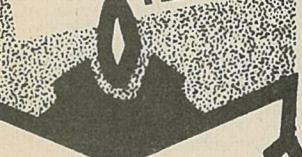
"I said all along it would be foolish to underestimate them. I don't expect them to win the section but they could prevent other teams from doing so."

Sweden, bidding for their fourth successive World Cup finals, never looked a convincing side and the outcome must give the Scots a fair bit of confidence about their opening match in the group in Stockholm on September 10.

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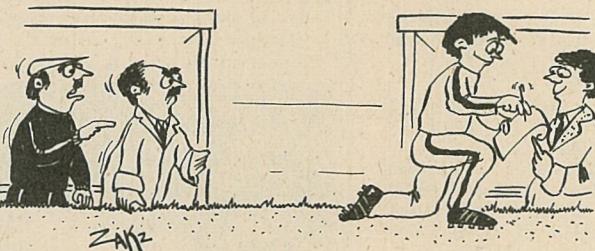
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"Just because you've got all those cup medals doesn't mean you've got to wear them every match!"



"... Our sub's a bit restless, boss!"

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

A JOKE that's bound to start you all groaning kicks off this week's batch of 'Football Funnies'.

It comes from Leslie Port of Gt Bookham, Surrey. His question is: 'Where do spiders play football?' Answer: 'At Webley'. Thanks Leslie — keep the jokes rolling in.

Miles Bingham of Hove, Sussex, sent us the following limerick:

'There was a footballer named Lime
Who scored for the very first time,
Although he was glad,
His team mates were mad —
He forgot to change ends at half-time.'

We like it Miles! Any more limericks would be much appreciated by the Match Weekly staff — they'll help to keep us sane!

Both Miles and Leslie win £2 for having their entries published. And another £2 winner is sixteen-year-old Mark Knight of Thamesmead, London.

He sent in the following joke: Boy — 'Dad, did you hear that Mike Bailey, the Charlton Athletic manager, has been admitted to hospital?'

Dad — 'What for?'

Boy — 'He's got a bad side.'

We trust you're not a Charlton supporter Mark!

Remember, if you've got a funny story, joke or limerick to tell don't hesitate to write in and share it with us and our readers.

Write to Football Funnies, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB.

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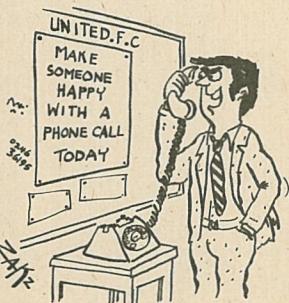
"... He was playing reserve football all last season!"



"I know you're a United supporter, but it hardly goes with the uniform!"



"... worst case of sub's bench fatigue, I've ever seen!"



... YOU'RE DROPPED !!!

FAN-TASTIC!

YET AGAIN Manchester United underlined their tag of the 'best supported team in the land'.

They may have finished runners-up to Liverpool in the championship but attracted an average of nearly 7,000 fans more for every home game. Liverpool, however, attracted the highest attendances at 11 away grounds, while United did it on six grounds, including Maine Road, where 57,067 watched the derby with City.

FA Cup holders West Ham attracted the biggest second division gate when a capacity crowd at Roker Park saw them beaten 2-0 as Sunderland clinched the title.

No doubt who were top of the tree in the Third Division — and the Sheffield clubs also combined to attract the highest gates on 11 other grounds.

But what a contrast in Division Four where an incredible average of nearly 16,000 flocked to watch Pompey promoted, while lowly Rochdale, had the dubious distinction of the lowest league gate of just 1,018.

* Indicates teams promoted or relegated

Below: The best fans in the land . . . United players acknowledge that fact before last season's United v City derby at Old Trafford.

Division 1					Division 2				
Team	Home Ave	Highest att	Lowest att		Team	Home Ave	Highest att	Lowest att	
Man U	51,546	57,478 v Leeds	43,239 v Bristol C		*Sunderland	27,018	45,000 v W Ham	19,456 v Oldham	
Liverpool	44,578	52,201 v Everton	36,415 v Stoke		Newcastle	23,342	38,322 v Sunderland	13,791 v Luton	
Man City	35,724	57,067 v Man U	27,654 v Derby		Chelsea	22,923	32,281 v Newcastle	16,189 v Burnley	
Arsenal	33,613	55,561 v Liverpool	18,896 v Norwich		W Ham	22,838	36,167 v Birmingham	11,721 v Cambridge	
Spurs	32,113	51,389 v Man U	19,843 v Wolves		*Birmingham	20,420	33,863 v Notts C	13,997 v Burnley	
Palace	29,522	45,583 v Liverpool	18,728 v Bolton		*Leicester	18,518	26,075 v Birmingham	14,875 v Fulham	
Everton	28,624	53,013 v Liverpool	20,326 v WBA		Watford	15,415	24,176 v Chelsea	11,589 v Wrexham	
A Villa	27,958	41,180 v Liverpool	15,319 v M'boro		Swansea	14,597	22,000 v Burnley	10,342 v Orient	
N Forest	26,573	32,336 v Derby	21,242 v Norwich		O PR	14,086	26,598 v Chelsea	8,372 v Oldham	
Wolves	25,754	36,693 v Liverpool	15,807 v Brighton		Luton	11,676	20,040 v W Ham	6,705 v Orient	
Brighton	24,780	29,692 v Liverpool	18,392 v Stoke		Wrexham	10,095	15,641 v Chelsea	4,357 v Camb U	
Leeds	22,897	39,779 v Liverpool	14,967 v Coventry		Cardiff	9,931	19,340 v Sunderland	6,358 v Burnley	
WBA	22,360	34,915 v Liverpool	11,600 v Bolton		Preston	9,701	13,069 v Chelsea	7,481 v Cardiff	
Ipswich	21,584	28,968 v Norwich	16,915 v Bristol C		Notts Co	8,834	14,859 v Leicester	5,505 v Orient	
South'n	21,334	23,259 v Leeds	16,309 v Bristol C		Shrewsbury	8,756	14,801 v Birmingham	5,670 v Camb U	
Stoke	20,087	32,000 v Liverpool	14,123 v Norwich		*Fulham	8,360	22,348 v Chelsea	3,766 v Charlton	
*Derby	19,900	27,783 v Man U	15,381 v Norwich		*Burnley	8,070	16,433 v Newcastle	5,270 v Bristol R	
Coventry	19,322	31,578 v Liverpool	14,401 v Palace		Oldham	7,941	11,486 v Newcastle	5,202 v Bristol R	
M'boro	18,773	30,587 v Man U	7,813 v Bolton		Bristol R	7,479	14,176 v Chelsea	4,596 v Oldham	
*Bristol C	18,391	28,783 v Man U	10,837 v M'boro		Orient	7,364	23,885 v W Ham	4,081 v Cardiff	
Norwich	17,892	25,624 v Liverpool	12,473 v Bristol C		*Charlton	7,289	19,021 v W Ham	4,858 v Bristol R	
*Bolton	16,345	31,902 v Man U	8,995 v Coventry		Camb U	6,133	8,863 v W Ham	4,423 v Bristol R	

Division 3					Division 4				
Team	Home Ave	Highest att	Lowest att		Team	Home Ave	Highest att	Lowest att	
*Sheff W	18,084	49,309 v Sheff U	10,563 v Southend		*Portsmouth	15,846	23,462 v Aldershot	11,430 v Torquay	
Sheff U	16,582	45,156 v Sheff W	8,675 v Wimbledon		*Huddersfield	8,713	17,233 v Walsall	3,134 v Newport	
Barnsley	11,877	22,360 v Sheff W	8,567 v Blackpool		Wigan	5,902	8,198 v Portsmouth	4,316 v Crewe	
*Grimsby	10,441	19,276 v Sheff U	5,937 v Exeter		Bradford C	5,731	10,509 v Huddersfield	3,688 v Crewe	
Blackburn	10,319	26,130 v Sheff W	5,759 v Chester		*Walsall	5,547	9,251 v Newport	3,786 v Stockport	
Swindon	8,677	16,415 v Sheff W	6,102 v Chester		*Newport	5,131	8,373 v Hartlepool	3,185 v Northampton	
Chesterfield	7,788	14,915 v Sheff W	4,206 v Colchester		Doncaster	4,328	9,801 v Portsmouth	2,237 v Bournemouth	
Brentford	7,695	12,120 v Swindon	4,990 v Rotherham		Peterborough	4,132	5,371 v Portsmouth	2,641 v Bournemouth	
Reading	6,567	9,951 v Millwall	4,925 v Carlisle		Bournemouth	3,926	13,963 v Portsmouth	2,335 v Northampton	
Rotherham	6,123	19,000 v Sheff U	3,061 v Reading		Aldershot	3,858	11,989 v Portsmouth	2,057 v Tranmere	
Gillingham	6,114	8,769 v Millwall	3,479 v Rotherham		Lincoln	3,627	4,933 v Scunthorpe	2,358 v Aldershot	
Hull	6,004	14,176 v Grimsby	3,720 v Blackpool		Port Vale	3,466	6,665 v Crewe	2,338 v Doncaster	
Millwall	5,953	7,563 v Colchester	3,996 v Rotherham		Hereford	3,343	7,945 v Newport	1,995 v Bournemouth	
Blackpool	5,803	10,193 v Blackburn	3,307 v Plymouth		Torquay	3,163	5,525 v Portsmouth	1,740 v Hartlepool	
Plymouth	5,775	10,214 v Exeter	4,091 v Chester		Northampton	3,035	10,774 v Portsmouth	1,946 v Port Vale	
*Mansfield	5,380	16,109 v Sheff W	3,000 v Plymouth		Stockport	2,922	5,369 v Huddersfield	1,789 v P'borough	
Oxford	4,683	9,353 v Sheff W	2,603 v Wimbledon		Hartlepool	2,907	5,919 v Huddersfield	1,705 v Lincoln	
Exeter	4,575	10,489 v Plymouth	2,648 v Colchester		Crewe	2,753	5,632 v Wigan	1,909 v Northampton	
*Southend	4,527	6,187 v Millwall	2,787 v Exeter		York	2,703	5,742 v Huddersfield	1,791 v Torquay	
Carlisle	4,408	6,347 v Sheff U	3,267 v Reading		Halifax	2,573	7,012 v Bradford C	1,202 v Aldershot	
*Bury	4,237	13,360 v Blackburn	2,443 v Brentford		Scunthorpe	2,354	7,492 v Walsall	1,471 v Bournemouth	
Colchester	3,818	6,135 v Southend	2,535 v Oxford		Tranmere	2,245	3,550 v Portsmouth	1,214 v Hereford	
Chester	3,492	6,631 v Sheff U	2,027 v Gillingham		Rochdale	1,981	4,979 v Huddersfield	1,018 v Scunthorpe	
Wimbledon	3,422	6,009 v Sheff W	2,046 v Hull		Darlington	1,970	4,628 v Huddersfield	1,238 v Stockport	



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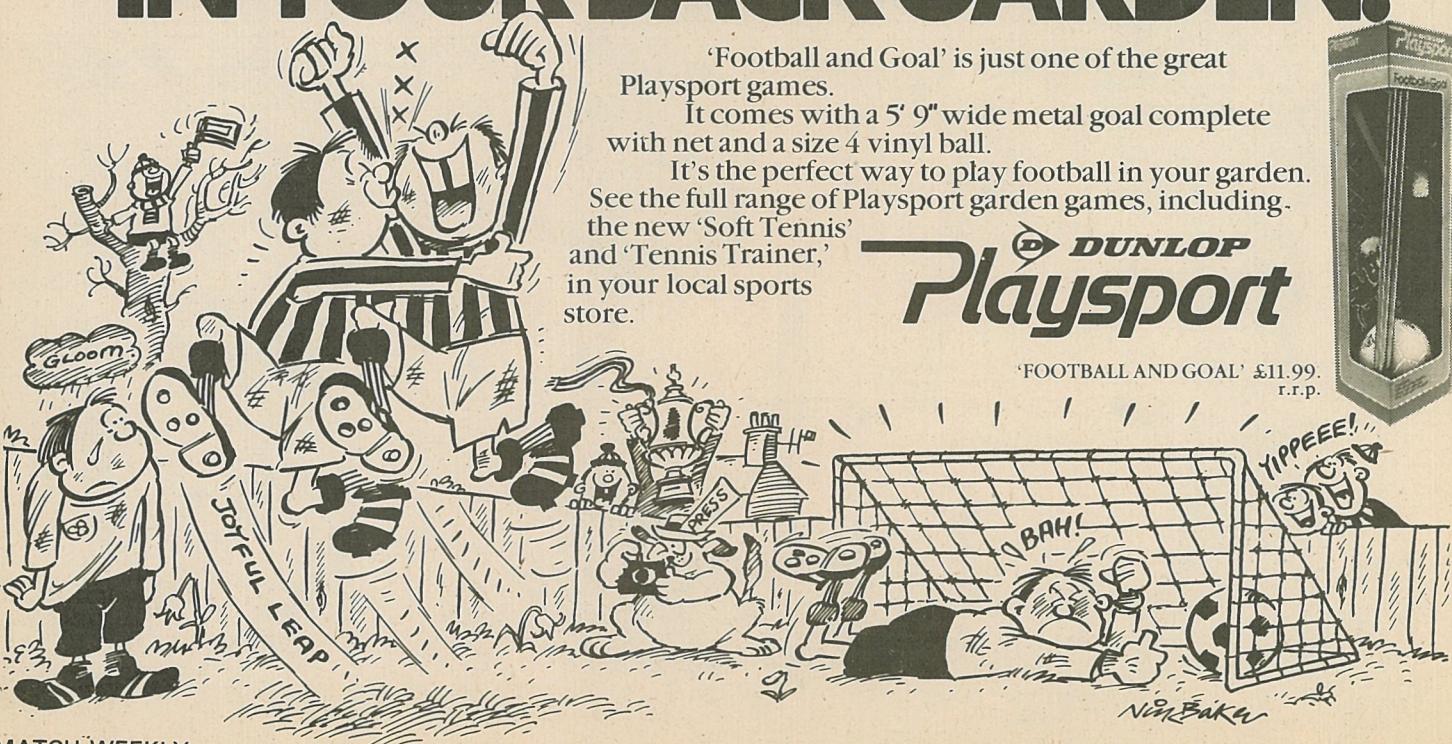
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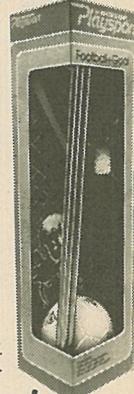
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PRIZEWINNERS AND SOLUTIONS

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE WINNERS

WINNER of the portable cassette radio in the Spot the Difference competition No 17 was Steven John, 27 Longfield Close, Wickford, Essex.

The five runners-up, who each win a top quality leather football, were: Jason Watts, 18 Limpool Close, Doncaster, S. Yorks; Brian Hancock, 34 Linnet Close, Heron Park, Glos; Wayne Calver, 2 Church Farm Road, Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Kent; Wayne Anglin, 117 Wentworth Road, Overslade, Rugby, Warks; Gerard Delahunt, Castleinch Cross, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland.

Spot the difference solution No. 17. 1. Man's pipe now a cigar, 2. Sergeant has different stripes, 3. Extra toilet roll, 4. Referee now has black hair, 5. Goalkeeper has a stripe on his shorts, 6. England player on far side is now No. 2, 7. Goalkeeper's cap now black, 8. Corner quadrant now added, 9. Extra piece of net above goalie's head, 10. Referee has plaster on his leg.

CROSSWORD WINNERS

THE five winners in crossword no. 39, who each win a top quality leather football, were: Philip Brown, 57 Yew Tree Lane, Gedling, Nottingham; Jonathan Markham, 38 MacAulay Street, Grimsby, S. Humberside; David Pease, 85 Carrow Road, Norwich; David Andrews, 35 Longmoor, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross, Herts; and Wayne McKeown, 30 Shawbury Close, Winyates, Redditch, Worcs.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS NO. 39

Across: 1. Leighton James, 6. Ian Walsh, 8. Arins, 9. Woods, 10. Droy, 11. Spirit, 12. Devine, 14. Tie, 15. Alan, 18. Cunningham, 20. Asa, 21. Tout, 22. Richards, 24. Moss, 25. Stubbs.
Down: 1. Leicester City, 2. Ian Britton, 3. Talbot, 4. Maradona, 5. Sansom, 7. Hodge, 9. Wile, 12. Dalglish, 13. Elland, 16. Neal, 17. Dashes, 19. Notts, 23. Sub.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Gordon Strachan, 2. Howard Kendall, 3. United Arab Emirates, 4. Shrewsbury Town, 5.

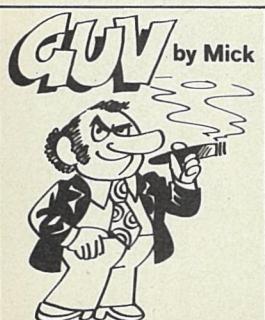
a) Gigg Lane, b) Boothferry Park, c) East End Park, 6. Watford, 7. Huddersfield Town, 8. Willie Young, 9. McClusky, 10. Paolo Rossi, 11. 1958, 12. Tottenham Hotspur, 13. Jimmy Greaves, 14. A.C. Milan, 15. West Bromwich Albion.

PLACE THE FACE SOLUTION

1. Tommy Taylor (Orient), 2. Joe Gallagher (B'ham), 3. Gordon Cowans (Aston Villa), 4. Arthur Graham (Leeds Utd.).

WHAT'S IN A NAME SOLUTION TREVOR FRANCIS

5. Offside.....	O
12. Italy	I
10, 7. Nottingham Forest.....	N.F
4, 9. Viv Anderson	V.A
3. England	E
13, 2. Shamrock Rovers	S.R
1, 6. Tranmere Rovers.....	T.R
8, 11. Ray Clemence	R.C



match makers

JIM CANNON

Crystal Palace

NAME: James Cannon.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Glasgow, November 2, 1953.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 13st 4lbs.

MARRIED: Yes, to Lynn.

CHILDREN: Laura (3).

CAR: Green Renault 20TS.

PREVIOUS CLUB: None.

WORST EVER INJURY: I've been lucky so far.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER: Roy McFarland of Derby. Such a good intelligent defender in the air and on the ground.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Celtic.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER: Diego Maradona — quick and skilful with fabulous control.

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks; Madeley, McFarland, Moore, Cooper; Wilkins, Keegan, Brady; Law, Best, R Charlton.

ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL TEAM: Banks (England), Vogts (W Germany), Watson (England), Beckenbauer (W Germany), Cooper (England); Maradona (Argentina), Keegan (England), Cruyff (Holland); Best (N Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Gerd Muller (W Germany).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield — I'm looking forward to playing there in our opening league match.

BEST GOAL SCORED: I ran from my own box to meet Mick Flanagan's cross on the volley in the 4-1 home win over Ipswich last season.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Glenn Hoddle's volley in the free-kick move with Ardiles against Manchester United.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: When we ended Sunderland's 20 match unbeaten run to reach the FA Cup last eight with a 1-0 win about four years ago.

MAGIC MOMENT: Beating Burnley 2-0 at Selhurst Park in 1979 to gain promotion back to Division One.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Southampton in the 1976 FA Cup semi-finals and not being selected by Jock Stein for Scotland.

FAVOURITE SPORTS: Golf, tennis.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Renovating old houses. I've done four since I've been at Palace.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad referees.

FAVOURITE MUSICIANS: America, 10cc.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Zimbabwe — or Rhodesia as it then was when I went to do some coaching there.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Barbra Streisand.

BEST FRIEND: Ian McHartie — used to be an apprentice with me, now he's a fireman but a close family friend.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON MY CAREER: Ernie Walley — Palace reserve team coach and Terry Venables, the Palace manager.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing!

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs, tea and toast.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Eight youth team caps for Scotland.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be a millionaire!

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: Win trophies with Palace.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I'll give myself a few years yet to think about that one.

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Shaun Brooks — a talented midfield player at Palace.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: I'm tempted to say Jock Stein, down a dark alley, but I'll settle for Clint Eastwood.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to advice and stay level headed.



Jim Cannon